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Japan shocked by devastation 'that couldn't happen'

At least 1,700 die and fires rage on in quake disaster

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

RESCUE teams battled throughout last night to fight fires and search for the dead and missing after Japan's worst earthquake in almost 50 years killed at least 1,709 people and injured more than 6,330.

The quake, which struck at 5.46am, measured 7.2 on the Richter scale and was the first big quake in recent history to hit the Kansai region around Osaka and the port city of Kobe. The Japanese Government announced emergency aid and ordered troops into Kobe to help residents who were fighting fires with buckets of sewer water.

The tremors destroyed or damaged more than 12,000 buildings and twisted road and rail links throughout the region, particularly in Kobe, a city of 1.4 million people about 280 miles west of Tokyo. Gas and water supplies were cut throughout the region, and transport and telecommunications links were paralysed. Kansai International Airport, opened recently on reclaimed land off Osaka, continued to function but there were severe delays and disruptions.

Aftershocks continued last night and the casualty count is expected to continue rising today as many people are feared trapped beneath the rubble of collapsed buildings.

Large areas in Kobe, Osaka and Awaji, an island in the bay off Kobe, were blacked out last night, forcing rescuers to search for survivors in extremely poor visibility, made worse by a thick pall of smoke from numerous fires which continued to rage through the night.

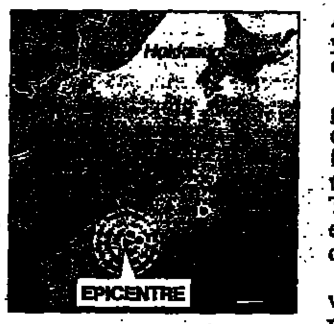
An emergency task force established by the Government predicted that it would take several days to restore basic services, and that it could take most of the year to rebuild road and rail networks. Ambulances and fire trucks were hampered by extensive damage to the roads and were unable to reach some of the most severely affected areas.

The scale of the damage and the failure of buildings and infrastructure to stand up to the earthquake shocked many Japanese and is likely to lead to an extended round of inquiries and a loss of confidence in the country's ability to deal with such disasters.

The Government was criticised over the slowness of rescue efforts and the lack of better quake damage prevention. "I think rescue measures have been very slow," Osamu Koide, of Tokyo University, said. "I think there was a lack of quake-preventive knowledge."

Critics were also asking why so many buildings and elevated roads collapsed. Japan has long boasted about the sophistication of its earthquake engineering. "We used to believe that Japanese roads and houses were built well so what had happened in California would not happen here," Suminao Murakami, of Yokohama National University, said. "That was wrong."

About 3,500 British and Hong Kong nationals live in the affected region. A British Embassy official in Tokyo said last night that the only confirmed British casualty was a member of the consular staff who was slightly injured by falling debris.



Japanese television has broadcast long lists of the confirmed dead, among whom many were elderly people and young children. In Kobe and the nearby city of Ashiya deaths occurred mainly from collapsing buildings in the older residential areas which were inhabited largely by older people. Cries for help could be heard from survivors buried in the rubble.

Other survivors, many in pyjamas, wandered dazed through the streets. One old man, shown on television against a backdrop of billowing black smoke, ruined buildings and ambulance sirens, said he felt he was "right back in a Second World War air raid".

International leaders sent condolences to Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, who announced that he would tour the affected areas tomorrow. President Clinton, who was touring sites in Los Angeles damaged in last year's quake, ordered a team of experts to Japan to help.

The apparent breakdown of government services and the chaos of yesterday heightened fears among many Japanese that a big quake could strike Tokyo next and that the Government was not equipped to deal with it.

Through extensive television and radio coverage people were able to see the inadequacy of firefighting units which were unable to reach many areas and, when they did, ran short of water. Ambulances were in short supply and failed in many cases to answer calls for help.

The most disturbing aspect, according to seismic experts and commentators, was the way that many supposedly "quake-proof structures" crumbled. The Hanshin expressway, an elevated road supported by reinforced girders and posts, crashed to the ground in several places, tipping sideways in one stretch.

"This is really the first major modern urban earthquake Japan has experienced," Yoshiaki Kawata, of Kyoto University, said. "We've had many, but they've been mainly in remote or underpopulated areas. We were told that freeways wouldn't collapse, but they did. We were assured that power, gas and water supplies would continue — they didn't."

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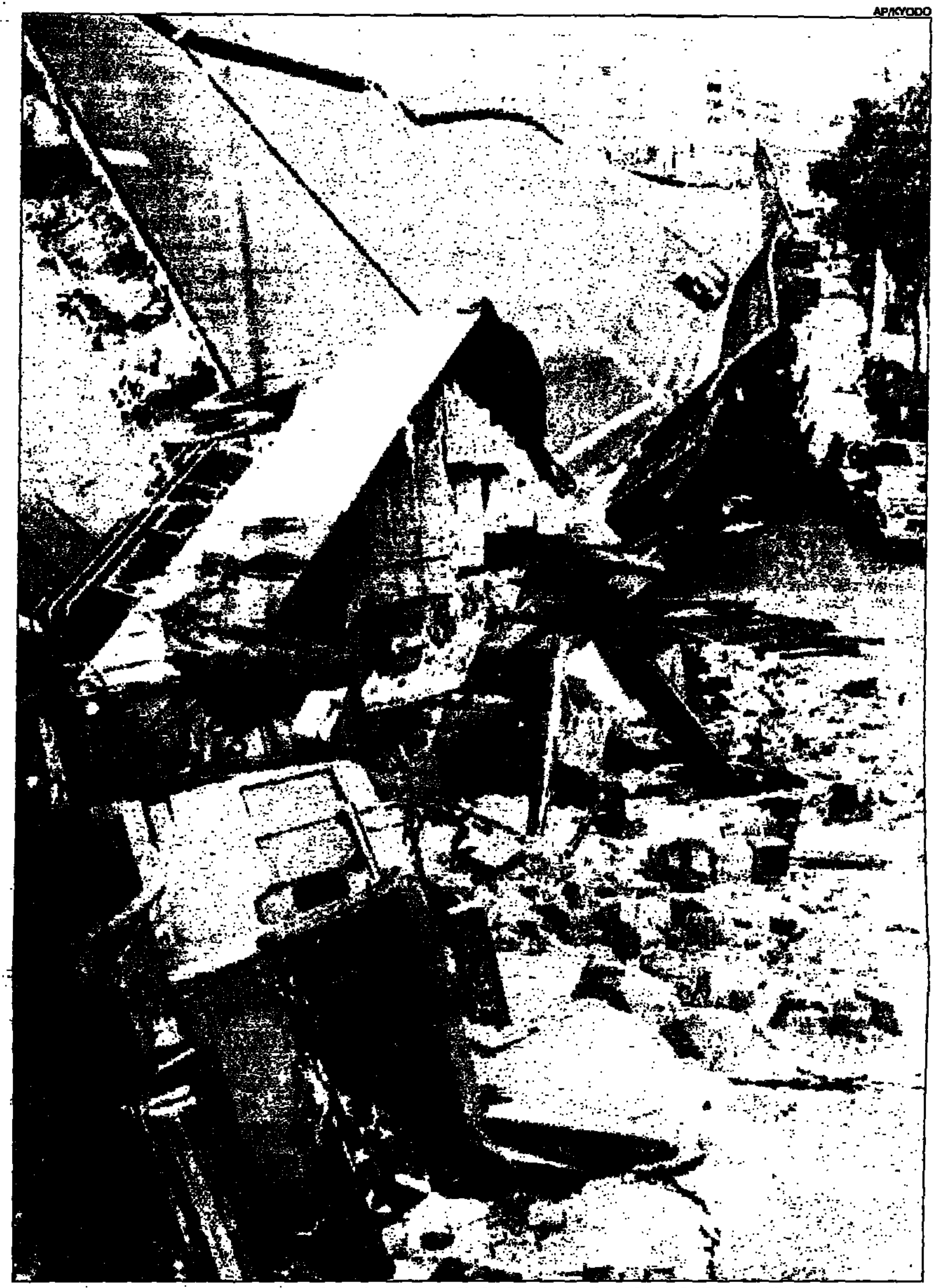

The Hanshin Expressway near Kobe, where many died. The elevated road was believed to be quake-proof

Fears for safety of British students on exchange trip

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

SIX students from Leeds were unaccounted for last night as British survivors told how they escaped the devastation.

The students were among a party of 25 on an exchange visit to Kobe. Nineteen have been accounted for. "We're just hoping that no news is good news as far as the others are concerned," Dr Mark Williams, head of the university's East Asian department, said last night.

Three are from the South of England, including a man in his thirties from East Sussex, and the others are German, Portuguese and Finnish.

Jonathan Wall, a British journalist, said he realised he had only seconds to flee his 27th-floor room at the Hyatt Regency in Osaka when the television set crashed to the floor and he heard a rumbling below that "sounded like a giant truck". Mr Wall, 43, who lives in Hong Kong, said: "It lasted about 45 seconds but it felt like an eternity."

Wall: heard a rumbling noise "like a giant truck"

Joanne Griffiths, 20, a model from Sheffield, was thrown out of her bed on the fifth floor of an apartment block in Kobe and fled in her nightclothes, her bare feet and legs cut by flying glass. Her father, Bill, said yesterday: "She said there were fires in front and behind her and she could smell leaking gas. She was frightened and I told her not to go back into the apartment. Since she phoned I haven't been able to contact her."

Raymond Kirton, 43, and his wife Diane, 40, were hit by flying debris as they fled from their eighth-floor company apartment in Kobe with their four-year-old son Nicholas. The couple, from Weston-super-Mare, escaped without serious injury but lost all their possessions. They took refuge in a school.

An American lecturer and his British wife helped a man to drag his son-in-law's body from under his collapsed house. Gregory Fremont-Barnes said: "The house had fallen like a drawbridge across the street into another house, which had collapsed under its own weight. There was a man in his sixties standing on top of a heap of rubble yelling 'Please help me.'"

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Five held in bomb inquiry

Three men and two women were being questioned last night by police hunting the bombers of the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish charity.

It is believed the arrests took place at five different addresses in north and west London.

In the attack on the embassy in July last year 14 people were slightly injured. Hours later a second attack was made on the Israeli Information Centre, north London, in which four people were slightly hurt .... Page 3

Advertising boost for ailing pools

The Government is expected to help the pools companies in their battle against the National Lottery by ending the ban that prevents them advertising on radio and television. Pools firms are believed to have lost up to 10 per cent of their revenue since the lottery was introduced. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has won backing from other ministers to end the prohibition .... Page 2

Middle England exiles Anderson

BY PETER BARNARD AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE vociferous minority that fires handwritten missives at the BBC from the depths of middle England won a significant victory last night when Gerry Anderson, host of Radio 4's most controversial programme, was dumped by the network.

Anderson Country is no more; Shire Country has won. Both the BBC and Anderson observed the conventions, but the man described in tabloid headlines as "the most hated in Britain" has undoubtedly fallen victim to his own listeners. Never in radio history have so many people tuned in to a programme in search of ammunition rather than enlightenment.

The BBC said yesterday that Mr Anderson, who presented the mid-afternoon magazine programme from its launch last February, will leave immediately "by mutual agreement". Michael Green, Radio 4's controller, thanked Anderson for "getting the programme off the ground", but added: "This past year has shown that presenting this kind of programme five days a week is too heavy a burden for one person".

Starting next Monday, the programme will be renamed *The Afternoon Shift* and two presenters, Laurie Taylor and Daire Brehan, will take turns as presenters. How the format will change is unclear.

Anderson has been away with influenza for the past fortnight and will not be returning from his home in Londonderry. He said: "The BBC and myself have been talking for the past two or three days and in the end we agreed that it would be best if we parted company."

Close friends of Anderson at the BBC believe that he has been the victim of a magazine format imposed upon him and that the programme tried to be too diverse. A close colleague said: "They wanted him to be a cross between Jeremy Paxman and Jeremy Beadle." The format opened the programme to charges of trivia and the

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Prescott ponders mystery of car's 200-yard joyride

BY LUCY BERRINGTON AND ALAN HAMILTON

A JAGUAR car reported stolen last week by John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, has been found safe, well and clamped in a street 200 yards from where he thought he had left it.

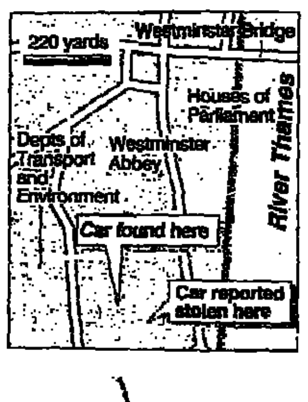
The car was in a Paddington police pound yesterday waiting to be reunited with its owner. Mr Prescott parked it in Westminster last Thursday evening and was unable to find it on his return. He immediately contacted the police. He told police he had parked the car in Dean Bradley Street, Westminster.

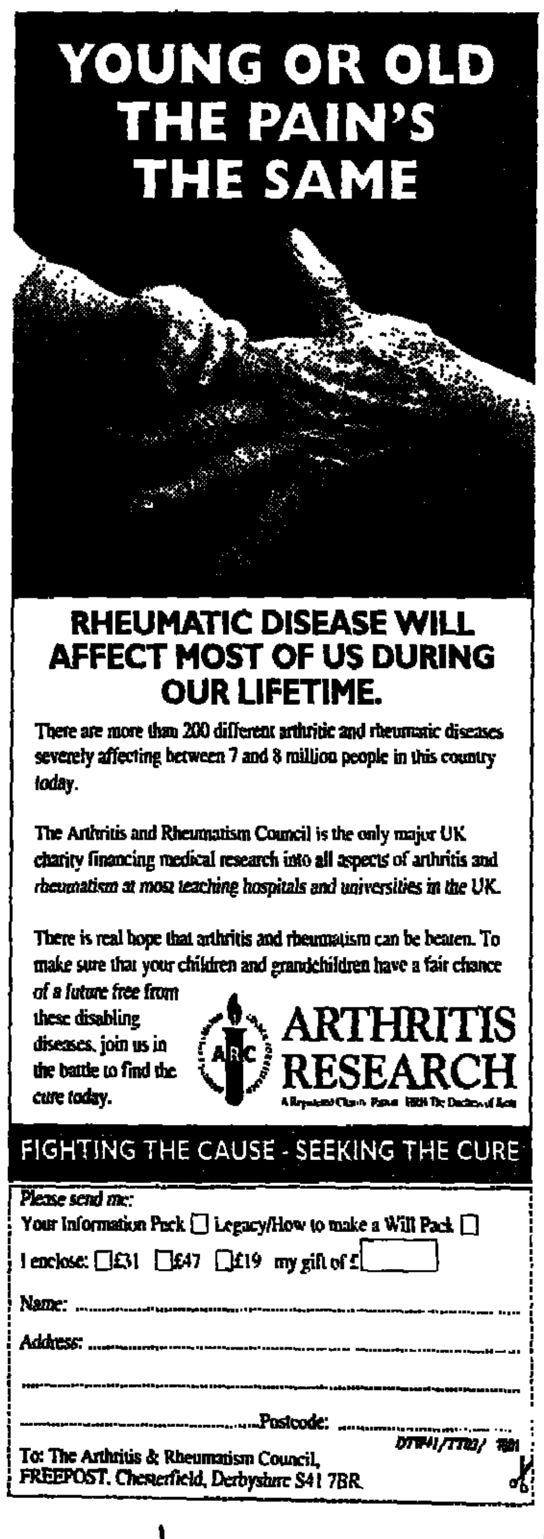
Traffic wardens found it at 8.55am the following morning parked on a meter 200 yards away in Dean Trench Street. As the meter had no money in it, they gave the car a parking ticket. Half an hour later the wardens returned and, seeing that the Jaguar remained unclaimed, arranged for it to be clamped.

Next day it was removed to the police pound, and its details put on the computer tracing service which allows motorists to discover whether their car has been impounded. However, no one asked for the Jaguar.

Last night a spokeswoman for Mr Prescott denied any suggestion that Mr Prescott might have simply forgotten where he left his car, and insisted that it was possible a thief may have taken it for a joyride, albeit a short one.

Mr Prescott said last night he planned his own investigation into his car's mysterious journey. "It was loaded with Labour Party recruitment leaflets; I'm going to see if any of them have been filled in," he said.





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Major faces revolt over Spanish rights to fish off Ireland

By Jill Sherman, political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR faces another embarrassing rebellion in the Commons tonight with Eurosceptics. Ulster Unionists and Cornish MPs threatening to defy the Government on a vote over Spanish fishing rights.

Tory managers were predicting a close vote although the Government is not expected to be defeated. Most of the nine Tory MPs who lost the whip after their rebellion over Europe said they would abstain while all three Cornish MPs threatened to vote against the Government unless they won extra cash to compensate fishermen. Rupert Allason, who lost the whip last year, may be on the verge of rejoining the rebel ranks. After a meeting of the rebels last night the MPs put their own amendment calling for Britain to withdraw from the EU's Common Fisheries Policy.

Eight rebels and Mr Allason signed the amendment. Michael Carttiss, the rebel not present, had said he would abstain. After the meeting one rebel said: "The inclination was to abstain."

The Ulster Unionists look likely to strike the most damaging blow by abstaining. Two weeks ago they supported the Government in a similar vote over whether Spanish boats should have access to Irish Box waters. Yesterday they threatened to withdraw support in protest against what they fear is a secret sell-out by London to Dublin in the Ulster peace process. John Taylor, UUP MP for Strangford, said the party had not been reassured by Mr Major's comments on Monday.

Today's vote is on a Labour motion criticising the Government for its part in the EU decision to give the Spanish access to Irish waters. The EU move has angered British and Irish fishermen who believe it will threaten jobs.

The three Cornish MPs, David Harris, Robert Hicks and Sebastian Coe last night met Mr Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, to try to secure a number of concessions including extra cash. After the meeting they said Mr Waldegrave had indicated more money might be available but no figure was given.

Mr Harris and Mr Hicks feel the Labour motion does not go far enough and have tabled an amendment calling for a bigger compensation package and a better funded decommissioning scheme. They are believed to be demanding at least £10 million more than the £25 million decommissioning package that has been announced.

Mr Waldegrave was also meeting Mr Taylor to try to secure his party's support. The party will decide its position later today.

However, leading Ulster MPs made clear they did not want to send the wrong signals by supporting the Government. They fear the Government has agreed to set up cross-border institutions with executive powers in behind-the-scenes talks with Dublin.

☐ Spy satellites are being tested by the Government as a way to clamp down on trawlers fishing illegally in United Kingdom waters. Earl Howe, the junior Agriculture Minister, said about 38 trawlers were being tested with satellite receivers that can track a boat's position and tell if it is fishing.

Unionists threaten to deny support

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland correspondent

Ancram: advice to wait to see document

ULSTER Unionists have threatened to withdraw their support for the Government because they fear that John Major is about to impose another Anglo-Irish initiative that will increase Dublin's role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

Despite repeated assurances from the Prime Minister that the forthcoming framework document is designed to bring all political parties to the negotiating table. Unionists believe the Government is tilting towards republicans. They point to 1985 when the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which gave Dublin a consultative role in Northern Ireland, was sprung on Unionists.

Ulster Unionists are alarmed at reports that the framework document will propose cross-border bodies with executive, consultative and harmonising powers, and that they will be enacted by Westminster and by the Irish Parliament. Unionists regard such bodies as an embryonic united Ireland. Although they accept the principle of cross-border bodies, Unionists want them to be established by a future Northern Ireland assembly and to act as consultative committees. They fear that the Government's plans would amount to joint authority over Northern Ireland.

The British Government has refused to be drawn on the details in the framework document. However, Michael Ancram, the political development minister at the Northern Ireland Office, tried to allay Unionist fears this week when he said: "I would ask any party that has concerns to wait until they see the framework document, and to read it not as a blueprint that is going to be imposed but as a potential area for discussion and hopefully for agreement."

SIMON TOWNSLEY

Anderson: the man the tabloids described as "the most hated in Britain" falls victim to his listeners

BBC exiles Anderson

largely middle-class and ageing Radio 4 audience is fine-tuned to anything that smacks of the trivial.

The network's weekly *Feedback* programme has had whole editions devoted to Anderson, with furious listeners demanding that he be moved to Radio 2 or sent packing altogether. After a record 1,500 Radio 4 listeners wrote what Chris Dunkley, the presenter, described as "a cascade of ordure", he begged listeners to complain about something else. The programme, which was launched to attract more younger listeners and more men, contained a mix of pre-recorded features, phone-ins and studio discussions, which has been described by critics as superficial and inane. Many thought it would be better suited to the corporation's new 24-hour news network, Radio 5 Live.

A typical hour on *Anderson Country* might cover topics ranging from whistling competitions, composers who orchestrate bird songs, discussions on "heightism" and features on women about whom popular songs have been written. Mr Green said that *Anderson Country*'s audience had remained steady at about 380,000. "There is an appetite for this new kind of magazine programme and we will continue to develop it," he said. Anderson, 48, is thought to have sympathy with the view that he might have prospered on Radio 2. "He was on the wrong network with the wrong format at the wrong time", a Radio Ulster colleague said.

There was a sense last night that Anderson, who won awards for *Stroke City*, his Radio 4 series about Londonderry, had paid the price for a programme that was producer-led rather than personality-led.

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TV ban on pools firms may end

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Government is expected to help the pools companies in their battle against the National Lottery by ending the ban that prevents them advertising on radio and television. Firms such as Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters are believed to have lost up to 10 per cent of their revenue since the lottery was introduced in November.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has won backing from Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine, Michael Portillo and other ministers for a proposal to end the prohibition, which the pools firms say gives an unfair promotion advantage to the lottery.

But he is facing a stern rearguard action from Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, who is battling on behalf of the lottery to keep the ban in force. He wants more time for the lottery to establish itself but the pools firms say their revenue is being hit severely by the weekly Saturday draw, which is receiving massive promotion through the BBC television programme on which the numbers are announced.

The Government resisted the idea of lifting the ancient advertising ban during the passage of the lottery legislation but promised to look at it again after the lottery was established. The resounding success of the new venture appears to have persuaded Mr Howard that it is time to act.

The issue will come before the Cabinet's home affairs committee; but it is understood that Mr Howard has already been backed by the Chancellor, Board of Trade President, Mr Portillo, David Hunt, Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman. However, Mr Dorrell's opposition, as the minister heading the department responsible for the lottery, could mean that the issue will eventually have to be settled by the Prime Minister.

Littlewoods has been mounting an aggressive campaign to prevent its revenue being taken by the lottery. Its executives have been urging a television show to match the lottery programme. The pools firms advertise in newspapers and on billboards but, as with all forms of gambling, have always been prevented from television and radio advertising.

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Power cut, ferries cancelled as gales hit 80mph

By Marianne Curphey

WINDS of up to 80mph battered Britain yesterday, forcing ferry companies to cancel crossings and cutting power to thousands of homes. Fallen branches caused road accidents, roofs were ripped from buildings and coastguards warned ships in the West to stay in harbour.

Northern Ireland and Scotland were hardest hit by winds. Power lines were brought down in southwest England, and the South East suffered driving rain and flood warnings were issued.

Several inches of snow fell on high ground in Northern Ireland and merchant shipping and fishing boats took shelter from high seas.Ferry services between the Irish ports of Dublin, Dun Laoghaire and Rosslare and the Welsh ports of Holyhead, Fishguard and Pembroke were cancelled. Force 11 winds were registered at Rockall, off the northwest coast of Ireland, and force 9 in the North Sea. Channel crossings were not cancelled, but winds up to force 8 were registered and will continue today.

The Meteorological Office described conditions as "diabolical, especially for drivers". In Dorset trees and debris from buildings blocked country roads. Two people were badly injured when a tree crashed on to their car at Stockbridge, Hampshire.

South West Electricity reported hundreds of customers without power across Devon and Cornwall. Most problems were in south and east Devon, where 1,500 homes were without power. A further 2,000 people in Somerset and 1,000 in Avon were affected.

Flood warnings were issued for four rivers in east Devon. The National Rivers Authority said yellow warnings were out for the Sid, Otter, Coly and Yartyafter 1½ inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

The London Weather Centre said winds should have died down by lunchtime and most of the country will enjoy some sunshine. The outlook is unsettled.

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Regulator cuts track charges to lure rail buyers

By Tim Jones
Transport correspondent

LOWER track charges to tempt more private companies to run rail services were announced yesterday. John Swift, the rail regulator, said private rail operators would pay £1.5 billion less over six years in access charges for passenger services, compared with current charges.

Until yesterday, private companies and management buy-out teams had been told they would be expected to pay up to £2.1 billion a year in "rent" for the right to run Railtrack services.

Announcing the lower charges, Mr Swift said he wanted to achieve "a better balance of advantage between all parties operating in the new railway market" and added: "Access charges will be rebased in 1995-96 to a level on average eight per cent lower in real terms than in 1994-95.

"In the five years from 1996-97 they will then fall by 2 per cent in real terms. This will result in total savings to operators of some £1.5 billion over a six-year period, compared with the current level."

So far, only potential BR management buy-out teams have expressed any interest. Private companies have failed to come forward.

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Swift: trying to achieve "balance of advantage"

Contessa's nanny challenges ban on UK entry

By a Staff Reporter

AN ITALIAN contessa's Brazilian-born maid and nanny yesterday launched a High Court challenge to immigration laws that have barred her from the United Kingdom.

In the first case of its kind, Edna Pinheiro was given permission by Mr Justice Schiemann to seek judicial review on the grounds that her rights to work under European Union law, and those of the contessa to employ her in England, had been breached.

Miss Pinheiro has accompanied her employer, Contessa Noemi Cinzano, around the world caring for her and her two children, who are aged 10 and 12.

In August 1993 the contessa, who is divorced and has an international business exporting olive oil and wine from her Italian estates, bought a home in southwest London while promoting her business in the United Kingdom. She sent her children to a private school in England.

Miss Pinheiro, 29, who has lived with the contessa in Brazil, Canada, the United States and Italy, was at first allowed to move in with the family in Fulham.

But when she flew to Heathrow earlier this month to take charge of the contessa's children after the Christmas holiday, an immigration officer refused to allow her to enter the country.

At the High Court hearing, Miss Pinheiro's lawyers are expected to argue that she cannot legally be refused entry because she is lawfully resident in Italy and so is entitled to travel and work in other countries of the European Union.

They will also accuse the immigration authorities of interfering with the contessa's rights under European Union law, as an Italian national, to make use of her nanny's services in the United Kingdom.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Book pricing legal

An agreement between publishers which critics claim keeps the cost of books artificially high does not breach European law, judges in Luxembourg decided yesterday. The ruling on the trade in books between the UK and the Irish Republic effectively overturns a decision by the European Commission to ban cross-border price-fixing by publishers and booksellers. The Publishers' Association said that the European Court of Justice's decision may cause a rethink by the Office of Fair Trading, which has referred the agreement to Strasbourg. W.H. Smith, the country's biggest bookseller, said the ruling will have little or no effect on book prices.

Sado-masochism case

A House of Lords ruling that people who inflict sado-masochistic injuries on each other for sexual pleasure can be prosecuted will be challenged today before the European Commission on Human Rights. Liberty is bringing the case on behalf of three men jailed in 1990.

Single-sex wards victory

NHS patients awaiting admission to hospital must be told in advance if they are to be placed on a mixed sex ward, Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, will announce today. Patients will be able to insist on a single-sex ward but if no beds are available they can opt to postpone their admission.

Eton boys robbed

Seven Eton schoolboys aged 14 and 15 were robbed of watches and £8 pocket money by three men in their twenties who claimed to have a knife. The boys, who were not in uniform, were stopped outside a café at Windsor and Eton railway station.

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Palestinian woman among five held over embassy blast

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A PALESTINIAN woman in her fifties was among three men and two women being questioned last night by police hunting the bombers of the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish charity in London.

The woman, described as a housewife, had been arrested with the other four by Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch after several months of surveillance. It is believed the arrests, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, took place at five different addresses in north and west London.

The five have lived for many years in this country and at least one has dual citizenship with Jordan. Two of the men are in their 20s and another is in his 40s. All are described as businessmen. A second woman arrested is 29 and unemployed. Police sources said no terrorist weaponry or equipment was found.

Scotland Yard detectives are believed to have been working in co-operation with inquiries by the CIA in the United States, the Israeli secret service Mossad, and police in Argentina, where nearly a hundred people died in a bomb attack on the Jewish community in Buenos Aires earlier in the same month.

The arrests follow extensive investigations into the background of vehicles known to have been used. After the attack on the embassy on July 26 last year, in which 14 people were slightly injured, a second attack came hours later outside Balfour House in Finchley, north London, the site of the Israeli Information Centre, in which four people were slightly hurt.

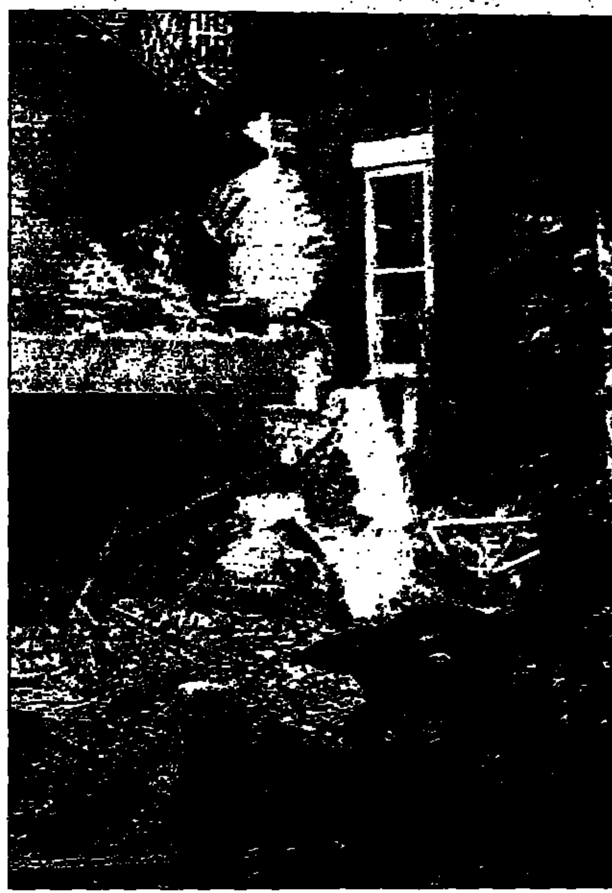
The attacks were immediately linked to political initiatives in the Middle East and seen as part of a campaign by Palestinian extremists to undermine advances in the peace process.

Yesterday Yard sources emphasised the arrests were the result of police spadework by officers in London and at least one other force.

The 30lb bomb outside the Israeli Embassy near Kensington Palace exploded after a smartly dressed woman carrying a Harrods bag was seen to park a car and walk away. As a policeman and a security guard went to investigate, the device exploded. It later emerged that the woman had been challenged by police officers outside the embassy but had said she was visiting friends next door in Kensington Palace Gardens.

The Israelis later criticised Scotland Yard for failing to act on warnings of a possible attack, and the Yard subsequently increased security for all Jewish and Israeli centres in Britain.

Two days after the bombings, on July 28, John Major gave a stern warning to Iran, widely held to be behind the attacks, in which he said the Muslim state's behaviour was "simply unacceptable and indeed threatening".



The scene behind the consulate after the explosion

Boys' find prompts 40 queries

By Emma Wilkins

STOLEN jewellery and coins discovered by three boys playing in a wood were being cleaned and valued yesterday as police began an inquiry to find the owners.

The haul was found by Daniel Eccles, 13, his brother Damian, 11, and David Jones, 16, while they were digging a den near Halsall, Lancashire. More than 40 people have telephoned Lancashire Police claiming ownership of the haul, believed to be the proceeds from at least one robbery 20 years ago. Police filled five sacks with the valuables. "There were metal boxes and biscuit tins with all kinds of things such as silver jugs, coins and a stamp collection," Daniel, from Standish, Greater Manchester, said.

A passport found in the haul is being examined by Liverpool passport office in an attempt to identify the owner, believed to be a man in his forties. Police are liaising with Merseyside colleagues after finding documents from a house in Birkdale, Southport, in one box.

The haul includes 12 items of silver, a cut diamond the size of a man's fingernail, 11 watches, 115 silver crown coins from the 1820s, 73 half-crowns, 400 pre-decimal coins, 30 women's rings, bankbooks, the passport and stamps.

"The boys should be commended for their honesty," a police spokesman said. "If, after our inquiries, we haven't found the owners, the find will be returned to them."

The Buccaneers tells the story of four American girls who make their mark on English society in the 1870s

Screen stars pay £20,000 to save old drama teacher from a crisis

By Andrew Pierce

THE oscar-winning actors Sir Anthony Hopkins, Jeremy Irons and Daniel Day-Lewis have never forgotten the drama teacher who put them on the road to fame and fortune.

So when the Hollywood stars, and leading actresses Stephanie Cole, Jane Lapotaire and Miranda Richardson, heard that Rudi Shelley, 86, had suffered a stroke and was having difficulties meeting his £20,000 hospital bill, they stepped in to pay it. Within 48 hours of an appeal for help for Mr Shelley, one of the grand old men of the British theatre, £10,000 had poured in to the Old Vic Theatre School in Bristol.

Mr Shelley, who has worked at the school 49 years, was being treated in a Bupa hospital but a loophole in his private insurance meant he was not covered for the cost and he was moved into a National Health Service ward. His plight horrified his friends.

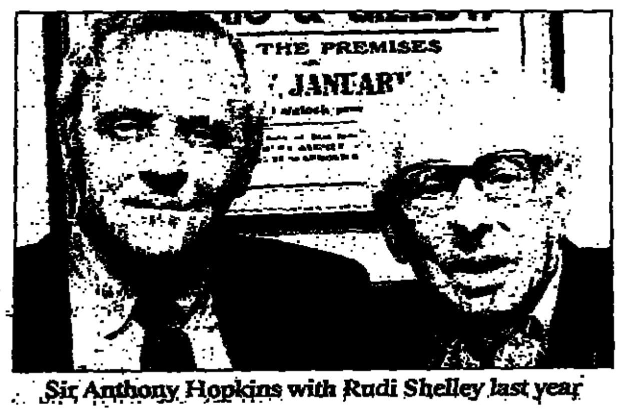
Erika Neumann, secretary of the theatre school, appealed to old pupils for help. Within days Mr Shelley, 86, was back in a private ward.

Greta Scacchi, Jenny Seagrove and Samantha Bond, former pupils of Mr Shelley, were among 500 who responded with donations.

Sir Anthony Hopkins, who was taught by Mr Shelley in Cardiff, contributed £1,000 as did the other Oscar-winning performers. Some £25,000 was raised within weeks. The surplus is being used to pay for Mr Shelley's home in the Clifton district of Bristol to be adapted. Stephanie Cole, the star of the acclaimed *A Passionate Woman* in the West End, was one of the first to contribute. She said last night before going on stage at the Comedy Theatre: "There are good teachers and great ones. Rudi is a great one. I still hear his voice in my ear when I go on stage and he taught me more than 30 years ago. He has been one of the major influences in my life."

Mr Shelley has made a full recovery and is now working two days a week at the theatre school.

Ms Neumann said: "I was amazed at the response from Rudi's old pupils and friends. Now he can get back to what he does best — teaching people to act."



Sir Anthony Hopkins with Rudi Shelley last year

Classic tale given sexual twist in BBC saga

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC has rewritten Edith Wharton's classic novel *The Buccaneers* for its £5 million television dramatisation, to make it more accessible to a mass audience.

The five-part adaptation of Wharton's study of 19th-century society, which starts next month on BBC1, has a rape and a homosexual encounter that are not in the book.

Characters' names and a number of locations have been changed for the screen version of Wharton's novel, which was unfinished and published posthumously. The last two episodes were the work of the scriptwriter Maggie Wadey, based loosely on Wharton's notes.

Ms Wadey said yesterday: "I followed the currents of the book itself, the impulses that were already there and, of course, the notes that she had left." Ms Wadey, whose credits include an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey* for the BBC, added: "It sounds very presumptuous, but inevitably when you're adapting you are exercising a certain amount of criticism."

Phillippa Giles, executive producer, said that the BBC had tried to make the production accessible to a BBC1 audience. "If it had been made for BBC2, it would have been different."

Wharton was born in 1862 into the highest echelons of New York society. In 1921 she became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her novel *The Age of Innocence*. In *The Buccaneers* she tells the story of a group of spirited American girls who enter the English social world of the 1870s.

Ms Giles said that the rape scene was true to the spirit of the novel. "We wanted to portray the character Nan's marriage as one that was unfulfilled and one that was only consummated by the social pressures on her husband to produce an heir."

There were protests about alterations to the ending of BBC2's recent adaptation of *Martin Chuzzlewit*. The treatment of Wharton's work, however, is unlikely to cause such criticism. Dr Jean Chothia, an expert on American literature at Selwyn College, Cambridge, said: "The BBC version may be rather crude, but Wharton herself was not a genteel writer."

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PC hailed for saving life of US officer

By Robin Young

A BRITISH policeman has been hailed as a hero in the United States after saving the life of an American colleague while on holiday in Florida.

PC Matthew James, 27, whose regular beat is Balham, south London, was visiting his brother when he volunteered to patrol with Miami police to broaden his experience. While on night duty in downtown Miami, an officer with him ordered a man carrying a gun to throw it down.

He did so but grabbed the officer's gun, shot him in the knee and was about to fire again. PC James, who was in plain clothes, hit the attacker with his radio — his only weapon — pinned him to the ground, handcuffed him to a fence and radioed for help.

PC James said yesterday the incident was "like something out of *Miami Vice*". He has been back to Florida since the incident last March to receive a bravery award and this month to give preliminary evidence for the trial of a youth charged with attempted murder.

James: hit gunman with his radio

Biker who hit 160mph cleared of speeding

By A Staff Reporter

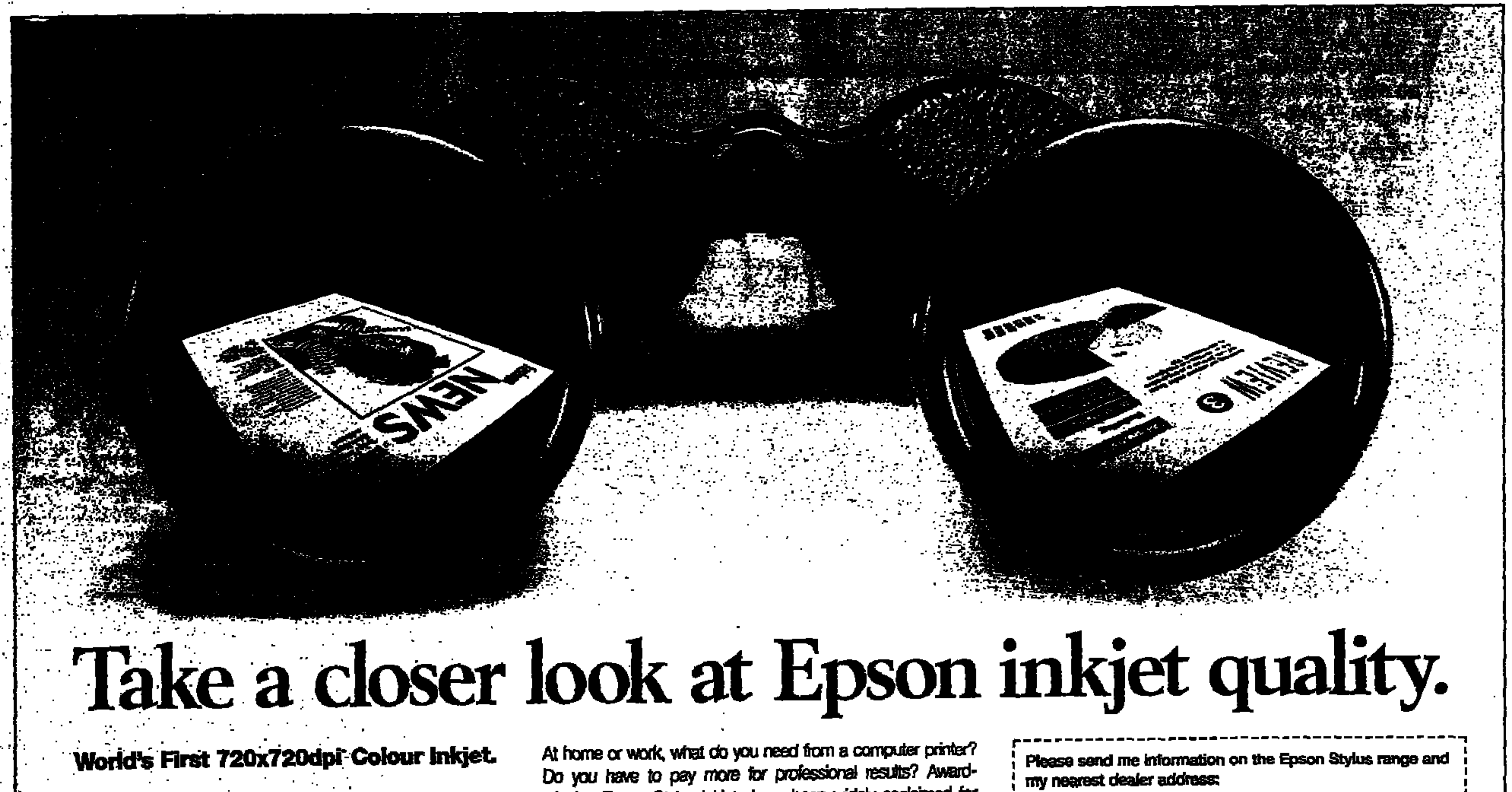
A SPEEDING charge against a motorcyclist accused of travelling at 178.9mph was dropped yesterday when it was proved that his machine's maximum speed was 160mph. However, he admitted an additional charge of dangerous driving and faces a custodial sentence.

Anthony Pearce, 31, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, admitted riding his 900cc Honda Fireblade at 160mph on the A38 Sutton Coldfield bypass, a 70mph dual carriageway, last July. A charge of speeding at 178.9mph was withdrawn when Sutton Coldfield Magistrates were told that tests conducted by *Motorcycle News* on Pearce's behalf showed that the £8,500 machine was not capable of more than 160mph.

Police used the Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder system, known as Vascar, to calculate Pearce's average speed. David Munro, for Pearce, said: "He has always denied his bike was capable of the speed measured by police."

Superintendent George Birch, head of West Midlands traffic division, said later he was disappointed with the outcome. "I cannot see anything wrong with convicting a person of speeding if they admit to riding at 90 mph over the speed limit," he said.

The maximum penalty for speeding is a £1,000 fine and discretionary disqualification. The maximum penalty for dangerous driving is two years' imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine and obligatory disqualification. The case was adjourned until February 14 for pre-sentence reports.



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MPs turn blind eye to rules, says Nolan

Inquiry into ethics hears demands for an end to lobbying

By Michael Dynes

COMMERCIAL lobbying by MPs should be prohibited by law. Lord Nolan's first public hearing into standards of public life was told yesterday.

An independent commission should be established to regulate the behaviour of MPs and revive flagging confidence in Britain's representative institutions. the inquiry heard. Lord Nolan. the Lord Justice of Appeal who is chairing the 10-strong committee of inquiry set up by John Major last October. said there was growing public cynicism that MPs were abusing their positions of privilege.

"There can be no doubt there has been a fall in public confidence in the standards of behaviour of people in public life." he said. "If changes are needed to restore that confidence we must recommend them without delay. no matter how drastic they may be." he added.

Lord Nolan said the rules of Parliament appeared to suggest that members may not accept a fee for advocating a cause. "Yet it seems reasonably clear that a blind eye has been turned to those rules in practice." he added.

Ivor Crewe. Professor of Politics at Essex University. told the inquiry: "The British public has always displayed a healthy cynicism to MPs. They have taken it for granted that most MPs are self-serving imposters and hypocrites who put party before country and self before party." MPs were at the bottom of the league "along with estate agents and journalists". he said.

Cynicism towards MPs had reached an unprecedented level after the series of damning revelations about MPs' sexual behaviour and financial dealings. he added. Recent surveys showed 64 per cent of people believed most MPs made money by abusing their position in Parliament. compared with 46 per cent in the mid-1980s.

Professor Crewe said although he did not believe politicians were corrupt. the British public did by a margin of three to one.

The public was quite clear that MPs should not earn cash for questions in Parliament or from using their positions to receive payments from individuals or organisations. Professor Crewe said. If the inquiry recommended that Parliament should be free to continue regulating itself "the public would be incredulous".

Jenkins: Tory packing of quangos "offensive"

MICHAEL POWELL

The Rt Hon The Lord Nolan
Chairman

Lord Nolan with members of his committee. "If changes are needed to restore confidence we must recommend them without delay," he said

Simon Jenkins. columnist and former editor of *The Times*. said: "For an MP to be a paid-up lobbyist is outrageous." He said that as editor he had even considered putting the names of companies that MPs lobbied for after their names. rather than their constituencies. He called for an independent commission to enforce high standards of public life.

In addition. the "packing of health and education quangos" by the wives of Tory MPs had caused widespread disquiet. "It is something that many people find offensive," he added.

Lord Blake. the Conservative Party historian, said there was a need for "historical perspective". Compared with the Edwardian era. many of today's scandals "pale into insignificance".

It would be difficult to write an interesting book on corruption in Britain between 1895 and 1995. he said. Nevertheless. Lord Blake agreed that commercial lobbying should be banned and MPs be regulated by some external authority. There should also be a register of financial interests for the Lords, as there was for the Commons. he said.

Roy Hattersley. MP and former deputy leader of the Labour Party, said that while it would be undesirable to prohibit MPs seeking working for outside interests. commercial lobbying should be stamped out.

"The time has come to prohibit MPs from taking part in all forms of commercial lobbying. It is intolerable that MPs arrange introductions in return for payment," he said.

In addition, an independent authority should be set up to monitor the conduct of MPs, with powers of enforcement, including fines, he added.

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Channel 4 accused of bias in religion

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 4 has been asked to re-examine its commissioning of religious programmes. particularly those dealing with the Roman Catholic Church. The Independent Television Commission ruled yesterday that "The Pope's Divisions", an edition of the *Witness* religious documentary series, was one-sided in its criticism of the Pope and breached a requirement in the ITC's code that programmes be fair and accurate.

Channel 4 said it did not see a need to change its policy on religious programmes. "We produce a wide range of religious programmes representing a wide diversity of views."

The ITC rejected 134 complaints about a programme in Channel 4's *Without Walls* series that challenged the saintly reputation of Mother Teresa and highlighted her links with dictators. The ITC accepted it was part of a series of personal view features and concluded that, "as with other public figures", Mother Teresa was not beyond criticism.

In its latest quarterly complaints bulletin. the ITC. which licences and regulates commercial television. upheld 34 viewer complaints about an episode in the ITV crime series *Cracker*, which opened at 9pm with a scene of sexual intercourse in a wood. But it rejected 23 complaints about two further editions of *Cracker*, which contained rapes.

ITV has commissioned a third and final series of *Cracker* for autumn this year.

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Fraud investigation launched at student loans firm

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

UNIVERSITY admissions officers are to use high technology to track fraudsters who are costing the taxpayer millions of pounds in bogus applications for student grant and loan applications.

The Universities' and Colleges' Admissions Service (Ucas) has identified some 700 fraudulent applications in the last year. amounting to £1.5 million. However, police believe that this is only a fraction of the real incidence. Ministers have granted Ucas £120,000 over two years to step up their efforts to identify fraud. Much of the money will go towards buying computer software that will cross-check names and addresses of applicants.

Grant and loan fraud is centred on London, but has spread rapidly in recent years. Some London authorities have estimated that as many as one application in 20 is fraudulent. often involving highly organised rings.

In a briefing note sent to all universities and colleges this week, Tony Higgins, the Chief Executive of Ucas, said there had always been a certain amount of cheating in higher education applications. "The fraud to which I currently refer, however, is of a criminal nature and is on a massive scale." Forged documents were being used to claim benefits, including career development loans, for individuals who did not exist. Interviews had become the exception, rather than the rule, in higher education, so places were sometimes offered quickly during the summer.

Alan Bell, the head of the Ucas customer support unit, said that in one case 40 application forms had been stolen from a careers office and submitted in false names. The sequence of numbers gave the fraudsters away. In another, a bogus applicant was arrested after leaving a diary containing a number of aliases after an interview.

Mr Bell said: "The fraudsters are targeting institutions that may never have come across this problem and may be vulnerable for that reason."

The level of fraud is now so serious that the Metropolitan Police has a team of officers in its company fraud department working solely on student awards.

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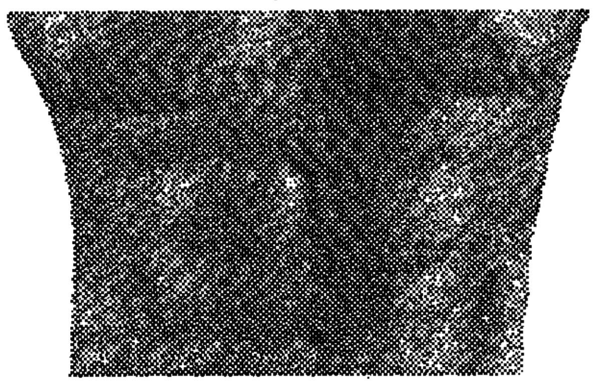

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Fiftysomethings to vie with young as big spenders

By Lucy Berrington

TEENAGERS and people in their thirties and fifties will bring spending back into fashion by the end of the decade. a leading consumer research company said yesterday.

British Lifestyles 1995, a consumer report published by Mintel International, paints a mixed picture of consumers cautious after the extravagances of the 1980s and often still in debt, yet ready to pamper themselves. Peter Ayton, Mintel's head of research, said: "There is a gradual recovery of consumer confidence but it is not going to be like the 1980s. where people would spend and borrow and not worry about tomorrow."

The report says average household income increased from £13,150 in 1984 to £24,626 last year, a real increase of 16 per cent. Recovery would be heralded by higher spending on holidays, furniture, household electrical equipment and medium or long-term savings. The change should come within two years, a prediction that assumes significant falls in unemployment, cuts in income tax and pay rises across the board.

"This contrasts with second holidays, short-term savings and major home improvements, where confidence is expected to remain low." Mr Ayton said. The factors associated with such luxuries, including VAT reductions, lower rates of inflation and interest, and lessening consumer debts, were unlikely to be seen in the next five years, the report concludes.

Demographic changes would be more complex than previously acknowledged. "The population will age, but in numerical terms the late 1990s will be the era of mature families and 'empty nesters' rather than geriatrics."

In the next five years the number of youngsters aged five to 19 would rise by 5 per cent, pushing up the demand for casual clothing, recorded music, youth media, drink and domestic leisure products such as video games.

People in their thirties, the "mature families", will build up their savings while satisfying the demands of their children, continuing to force up the proportion of working mothers. The 1950s baby boomers, the fiftysomethings, will come to terms with their children's growing independence and with having money to spend on themselves.

The fastest growth areas in 1994 were in home contents, general insurance, photography and medical insurance. Despite a fall in interest rates, housing continued to take the largest proportion (17.8 per cent) of household expenditure, followed by transport, food, alcoholic drinks and entertainment.

Elderly are struggling to pay for basic needs

By A Staff Reporter

MILLIONS of older people do not have enough money for basic necessities and face increasing hardship because of the low state pension and inadequate benefits, according to Age Concern.

A study by the charity showed that half of elderly householders depended on pensions and benefits for at least 75 per cent of their income. Two-thirds of pensioners had incomes so low they paid no income tax.

One in six pensioners experienced symptoms of depression. The charity is launching a "Short Change" campaign to protect of the state pension as the cornerstone of retirement. It wants the pension increased to 33 per cent of average earnings for a single pensioner and 50 per cent for couples. It wants to eliminate the poverty trap so that modest savings do not preclude a right to benefits.

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Women sue health chiefs over letter telling of HIV risk

By Kate Alderson

HUNDREDS of women who were told bluntly by letter that they had been treated by a health worker with HIV suffered "fear, confusion and irrational thinking," a court was told yesterday.

Two health authorities are being sued by 114 gynaecological or obstetrics patients for shock suffered as a result of the way in which they learnt of their health worker's condition. Mr Justice French will hear 19 sample cases, involving the liability of the health authorities, at the High Court in Manchester over the next ten days.

The court was told that an unidentified health worker was found to be HIV positive in the spring of 1991. Tameside and Glossop Health Authority wrote to 802 patients, Trafford Health Authority sent out 85 letters and a handful of people from both authorities were called into hospital as part of follow-up treatment.

Daniel Brennan, QC, for the women, said: "The letter was the wrong way of making contact in circumstances such as these. The right way was face-to-face contact with the patient by the general practitioner or some other experienced counsellor."

The women — pregnant housewives, young mothers and older patients — were told in the letter that they had a very remote chance of contracting the virus and a helpline was being set up for them. Mr Brennan said the helpline did little more than offer information. Counselling was inadequate. Tameside counselled 238 patients and Trafford 54.

"If, contrary to the plaintiffs' case, a letter was an appropriate way of making contact then such a letter should have been composed in a way which did not cause alarm or fear," he said. Most letters were not marked "private and confidential" and in some cases were opened by husbands, partners or children.

As soon as the letter mentioned Aids, Mr Brennan said, it triggered fear, confusion and irrational thinking. After the women received the letters a number visited their GP or health worker. More than 300 were tested for HIV and all proved negative.

The women's case, the court was told, was that the health authorities' behaviour "gave rise to a foreseeable risk of shock and potential psychological damage".

A similar incident had occurred in Exeter in 1988, Mr Brennan said, and communication with patients had been through GPs. Both health authorities in the present case had considered using GPs to inform the women. "However, there is nothing in the witness evidence to indicate why the GPs were not involved," Mr Brennan said.

Many more women had been involved in initially complaining about the two health authorities but had dropped out because of the financial costs of fighting a case. One hundred cases have been brought against Tameside Health Authority and 14 against Trafford. The hearing continues.

Consultants criticise TV hepatitis report

By Kathryn Knight

MORE than 2,000 people telephoned a helpline yesterday after a *Panorama* report on the risks of hepatitis C. But the programme was criticised by hospital consultants at the launch of a drug for the virus. They said it had overemphasised the likelihood of those infected with hepatitis C developing a serious disease.

There is no clear way of identifying the people who need treatment. Professor Thomas, a hepatologist at St Mary's Hospital, London, said: "Out of every 100 patients, only about ten get liver cirrhosis or cancer of the liver cells, but to treat them effectively we have to treat many who will not go on to develop serious symptoms."

Interferon alpha-2, which was licensed for use yesterday, is a genetically manufactured version of a natural body protein. It is the only treatment available for those infected with hepatitis C, but costs between £1,500 and £3,000 per patient. It is effective in only a fifth of patients treated for six months, although the success rate for longer-term treatment may be up to 50 per cent.

KEVIN LAMARQUE

Lisa Pavane and her husband Greg Horsman, who took over at 30 minutes' notice in English National Ballet's new *Swan Lake* after the lead ballerina *injured her foot, prepare for last night's performance. Backstage drama, page 38*

BA pilot saved jet in tail flap emergency

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A QUICK-THINKING pilot saved 389 passengers from death after a tail flap on his 747 aircraft dropped suddenly just after take off from Heathrow.

As the aircraft headed towards the ground the unnamed British Airways pilot fought the controls for five seconds and brought the aircraft under control. He then calmly flew on to Bangkok.

An air accident investigation report published yesterday suggested that an air lock in the hydraulic system could have been to blame for the incident, which happened when the jet was only 100ft above the ground during retraction of the undercarriage.

"The pilot was able to maintain a reduced rate of climb until the controls responded correctly and a normal rate of climb was resumed. The flight was continued without further incident," says the report.

The report blames a hydraulic failure to the main power control unit and recommends that modifications be made to the 747-400 controls to prevent similar incidents.

It also says the pilot's decision to fly on after the major systems failure, which happened in October 1993, was "questionable". The report added: "It is however recognised, with hindsight, that the associated risk was minimal."

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Doctors shocked by long hours on half pay

By Robin Young

JUNIOR hospital doctors "expressed shock" when they realised they had to work long overtime on half pay, an industrial relations officer with the British Medical Association told a tribunal in Glasgow yesterday.

Stephen Smith was giving evidence in support of four doctors' complaints that they were overworked and underpaid at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, an NHS Trust hospital in Paisley. He said the junior doctors' first impressions of work were "an experience for which nothing had adequately prepared them". A year later, junior doctors were paid overtime at the full rate.

The tribunal is hearing the cases of Bruce Elliot, Rory Melville, Claire Murray and Valerie Dudgeon. Eight complaints are being held over. The hearing continues.

Smith: "they were totally unprepared"

Surgeons neglect NHS for private work, says survey

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

CONSULTANT surgeons are spending up to half their time seeing private patients when they should be working for the health service, a former Health Department adviser said yesterday.

The growth of private work by consultants is shortchanging the NHS and leading to longer waiting times and a deteriorating service for NHS patients, John Yates, an NHS management consultant, said.

A survey of 243 surgeons in ophthalmology and orthopaedics, the two specialties with the longest waiting lists, showed that they spent three half days a week on average seeing and operating on private patients. One in five of the consultant ophthalmologists spent two full days a week on private work, not including time spent operating.

A second study of 39 NHS cardiac surgeons in London found that they performed 4,300 private operations and 3,300 NHS operations.

Mr Yates, who obtained funding for his research from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust after being repeatedly turned down by ministers, presents his preliminary findings on the Channel 4 programme *Dispatches* tonight. The programme hired private detectives to follow surgeons as they moved from NHS hospital to private clinic and back. "Three quarters of a million operations are done by NHS surgeons in the private sector and most of those are done during the working day. That has to influence what surgeons do in the NHS," Mr Yates said.

Fees paid to the 17,000 consultants who do private work averaged £34,000 in 1993 on top of NHS salaries of £40,000 to £90,000. Most are on maximum part-time contracts under which they are paid ten elevenths of the full-time NHS salary in return for the right to do unlimited private work after completing their NHS work. However, their contracts specify that they should devote "substantially the whole of their time" to the NHS.

Guidance issued to regional health authorities in 1990 by Duncan Nichol, then the NHS chief executive, said that maximum part-time consultants devoting two or more half days to private practice was "unacceptable".

The British Medical Association said that NHS consultants worked 50 hours a week on average, 15 hours more than their contracted 35 hours.

The Health Department said the growth of private practice was reducing the burden on the NHS. A spokesman said: "NHS trusts have the power to monitor whether consultants are fulfilling NHS contracts and to stamp out abuse."

£20m of needless X-rays put patients in danger

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

ONE in five X-rays is unnecessary and may be harming patients, a health service watchdog says today.

The Audit Commision says that the needless X-rays cost the NHS at least £20 million and that the total dose of radiation "carries significant risks to health". They are often ordered to reassure worried patients or to guard against a claim for medical negligence, the report adds.

The commission takes its findings from work published by the National Radiological Protection Board in 1990 but it says that "many GP and hospital requests for X-rays may still be inappropriate". One hospital found 75 per cent of X-rays on patients about to undergo surgery were never examined by the doctors who ordered them. Researchers found the film packets still stapled.

X-rays on patients with back pain "seldom show clinically significant findings". X-rays of sinuses behind the nose are rarely useful but a survey of GPs in Glasgow found 77 per cent ordered them.

Guidelines published by the Royal College of Radiologists in 1993 have led to reductions of up to 30 per cent in X-rays ordered in hospitals. The report says that X-ray departments are overloaded as a result of a 300 per cent increase in demand since 1970, leading to delays and breakdowns. Some departments are nearly twice as expensive as others. Andrew Foster, controller of the Audit Commission, said: "It costs between £15 to £25 for each X-ray, including staff and overhead costs. Often the X-rays were not even looked at by the consultants." Ross Tristem, director of the NHS Trust Federation, said: "We are certain that savings can be made, but it is doubtful that they could be as large as those envisaged by the commission."

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Compulsory purchase 'exploited' by utilities

■ A new agency has been proposed to ensure that a system set up for the public's benefit is used only as a last resort

By John Young

THIRTY years ago 40 acres of land belonging to Bill Barker, a market gardener in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, was acquired by compulsory purchase for the construction of a pumping station. The price paid by Thames Water was just £40,500.

Twenty years later the plant was unbuilt, the land unused, and Thames Water obtained planning permission to extract gravel. It offered the land back to Mr Barker for more than £1 million, which he could not afford. Since water privatisation the gravel operation has been earning profits for Thames shareholders, while Mr Parker receives nothing.

This is one of the case histories in a report published today by the Country Landowners' Association (CLA), which argues for radical reform of the compulsory purchase system to prevent exploitation by companies. Andrew Pym, author of the report, said yesterday that compulsory purchase was increasingly used for commercial ends, and that people were often unable to "fight their corner" because of the expense.

The CLA is particularly concerned because of the privatisation of utility companies, which means they are now pursuing profits for shareholders. The report says: "The system makes no allowance for the special position of profit-seeking, private-sector companies who profit from their powers and, when negotiating, from the threat of their powers." Property owners were being deprived of full compensation, leaving most of them worse off and aggrieved, it says.

Compulsory purchase powers exist to ensure that the public can benefit from a development that cannot be made available in other ways. They are most commonly used for road and rail construction; laying water pipes, drains, sewers, gas and oil pipelines; installing power stations, electricity pylons, overhead cables and aerials; mineral extraction; and waste disposal.

The CLA suggests the establishment of an acquisitions agency to which all applications for compulsory purchase would be referred. The applicant would have to show that it had sought to acquire the property, or rights over it, by negotiation but had been unable to do so through no fault of its own; that it had made a written offer which had been unreasonably refused; that the works were necessary and that the public benefit justified the effect on property owners; and that compulsory purchase was a last resort.

If an order were confirmed, the prescribed payment would reflect the price on the open market. Owners would be entitled to share in the commercial value of the rights and to receive payment for losses and stress, for which no compensation is paid at present. If within five years a buyer failed to use the land for the purpose for which it was acquired, the site would be returned to the original owner.

Hugh Duberly, CLA president, said there was "an enormous groundswell of resentment" among members over issues such as the Channel Tunnel rail link.

☐ *Compulsory acquisition and payment: A new approach*, Country Landowners' Association, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PQ

Krishna centre launches fight for survival

By Marianne Darch

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The manor's legal representatives, David Altaras, left, and Robert White, attended the inquiry in garlands

HARE KRISHNA devotees danced, sang and burnt incense yesterday as a public inquiry into the future of a Hindu temple in commuterland got underway. The hearing is the latest episode in a lengthy dispute over access and worship at Bhaktivedanta Manor at Letchmore Heath, Hertfordshire.

The manor, which was given by George Harrison, the former Beatle, to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon) in 1973, attracts 25,000 people during six annual religious festivals. Iskcon is fighting attempts to end public worship there.

The inquiry is headed by David Hanchet, who will hear Iskcon's appeal to the Department of Environment against Hertsmere Borough Council's failure to reach a decision on its application for change of use to a centre for public worship. It will also consider a planned access road that would bypass the village.

Set in 17 acres of green belt, the manor was intended for use as a theological college. No planning permission was required as it had formerly been used as a training college for nurses. Within a decade, however, problems arose as the manor became established as the most important shrine in Britain for Britain's one million Hindus. Several festivals have attracted over 20,000 pilgrims.

Saffron-robed devotees came up against the forces of rural England, including the Letchmore Heath Village Trust and the Green Belt Association yesterday. David Altaras and Robert White, Iskcon's legal representatives, wore garlands of flowers at the hearing. Mr Altaras said the dispute "requires a degree of compromise on all sides".

Escaped rapist arrested in Essex

By a Staff Reporter

A RAPIST who escaped from Rampton high-security psychiatric hospital in Nottinghamshire two days before Christmas has been recaptured.

Paul Marshall, 25, was held in Essex, near to where he committed the sex attack that led to his imprisonment. He was sentenced to be detained for life in 1986 for raping and wounding a woman who was battered with a hammer and left for dead in her home.

Nurses at Broadmoor Hospital, Berkshire, where Marshall was previously detained, were issued with photographs of him because he had made death threats against them, according to reports. He was moved to Rampton last year so that he could be nearer to his relatives.

Nottinghamshire Police said that Marshall, who is being held at Brentwood police station, was arrested after "a minor crime".

The hospital said that on his return Marshall would be admitted to a high-security intensive-care ward.

Diver sues for £250,000 over Piper Alpha stress

By a Staff Reporter

A FORMER North Sea diver who suffers nightmares after the Piper Alpha disaster is claiming damages of £250,000 from the platform's owners and operators. Paul Heathfield is suing Elf Enterprise Caledonia, Union Texas Petroleum, Lasmo (TNS) and Texaco Britain.

He told the Court of Session in Edinburgh he began experiencing disturbing nightmares a few months after the night of July 6, 1988, when 167 people died.

Mr Heathfield, 37, of Scarning, Norfolk, who is unemployed, said that he was on the *Tharos*, a support vessel and volunteered to help to tend the casualties. He acted as a stretcher bearer, helped in the hospital on board the *Tharos* and also tended to the dead.

Mr Heathfield, who was diagnosed as having post traumatic stress disorder caused by his experiences on the night of the disaster, alleges the platform operators were negligent.

The defendants want the case dismissed. They contend that Mr Heathfield's action is time-barred because it was raised more than three years after the incident.

The hearing continues.

Mother on child death charges

A 22-year-old woman was accused yesterday of the manslaughter of her six-month-old daughter. She was also accused of abandoning the child and her 22-month-old sister at a flat in Kilburn, north London. Brent magistrates remanded her in custody for a week.

Shuttle risk

About 100 cars have been damaged — 25 seriously — while being loaded on to Channel Tunnel shuttle trains. Low-slung cars at risk will now be loaded differently.

Cars seized

More than 70 people were arrested and 140 vehicles seized yesterday in a crackdown on organised car crime. Most of those held were from Cambridgeshire.

Clean sheep

Controls on sheep at three Scottish farms and in Snowdonia are lifted today, nine years after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Forty farms still have restrictions.

Bishop's loss

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev Michael Ball, has appealed to anyone who has an appointment with him this year to get in touch after his diary was stolen.

Rape remand

Timothy Douglas, 30, of Gloucester, has been remanded in custody in Gloucester charged with raping three women and 19 other offences, including kidnap, on the same day.

Back-pedalling

Annual sales of bicycles are now two million but about nine million bikes are used only rarely, mainly because of fears about traffic, the Countryside Commission said.

Toast to baby

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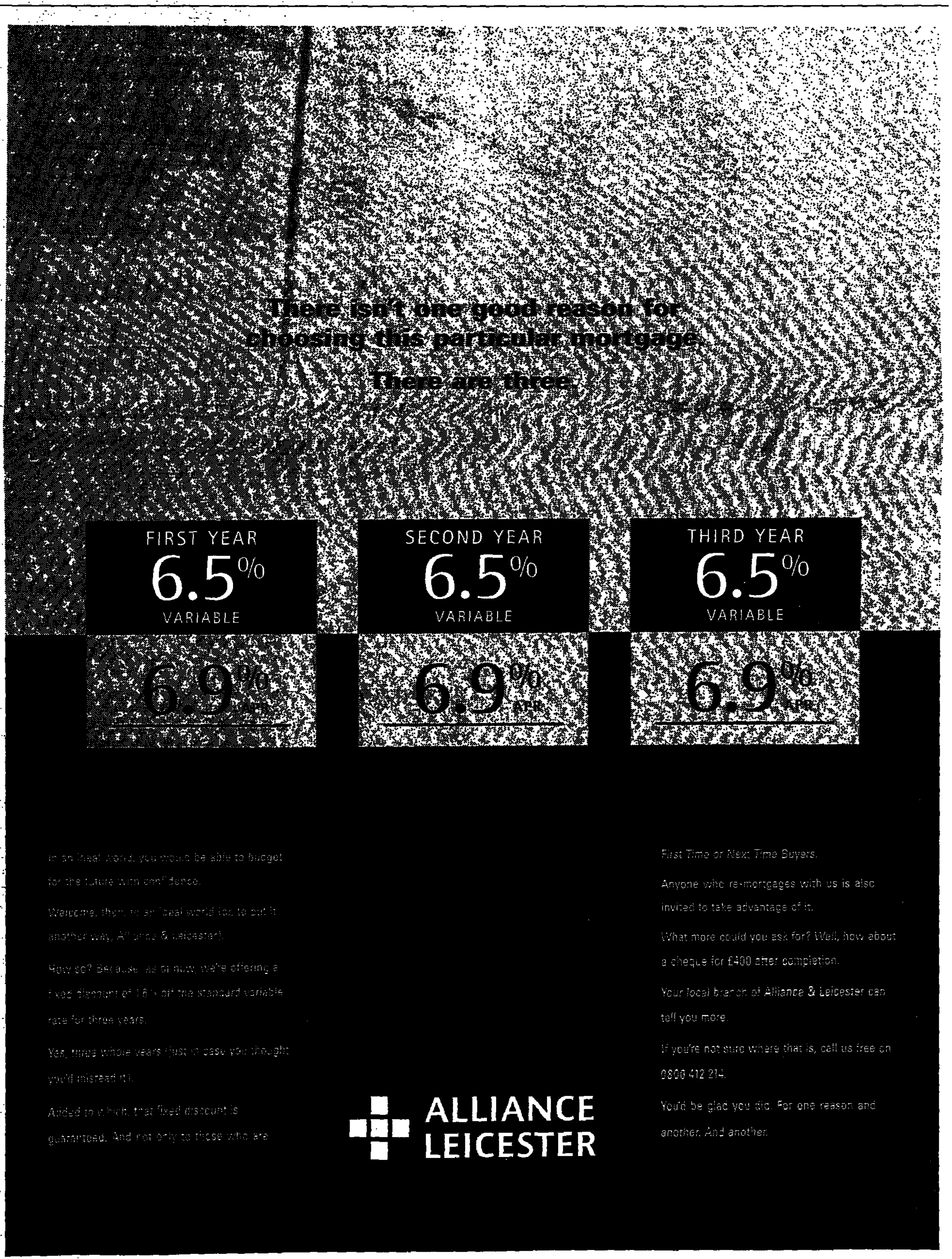

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Santer dashes British hopes of cultivating allies in Europe

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Government's European policy rests on a combination of Panglossian optimism and negative minimalism — *the hope that the rest of Europe is* coming round to our way of *thinking* and, *even if it isn't*, we can always use our veto.

Jacques Santer's *inaugural* speech to the European Parlia*ment yesterday exposed the* flaws in this case. The mild reaction of *John Major in the Commons* was partly because he could do little else after *blocking the appointment* of Jean-Luc Dehaene, the *Belgian Prime Minister, last summer* and then backing Mr Santer.

Moreover, *as Mr Major pointed* out, Mr Santer's lengthy address contained much which Britain approved, with references to the fight *against* fraud, *cutting back* bureaucracy and strengthening *subsidiarity*.

But the new commission presi*dent also called for Britain to drop* its opt-out from the social chapter *and to participate in* "social Europe", while he reaffirmed the *importance of the existing timetable* for moving towards monetary union. Some of this reflects differences of political language between *Britain and the rest of* Europe. While British ministers *focus on the practical* and the specific, many continental politi*cians talk about long-term* goals, even if they are only aspirations. *Any commission president is ex*pected to talk about the desirability *of further integration* and monetary union. Mr Santer's em*phasis yesterday obviously* had an eye on today's vote by the Stras*bourg Parliament to approve the* new commission.

In the short term, Mr Major and Douglas Hurd may be right *that "the high tide of federalism in* Europe is past", if by that they *mean that most big countries do* not want to take a big leap *forward at the inter-governmental* conference (IGC) in 1996. The *turmoil over the Maastricht treaty* and the troubles of several govern*ments at home mean that most are* now more cautious.

There may, as Mr *Hurd said in* Paris last week, be no appetite for *"a massive constitutional upheav*al in 1996". But there could still be tricky issues, *particularly over* voting rights on the council of ministers, and *possibly over the* powers of the European Parlia*ment*. The *Prime Minister and* Foreign Secretary would be wrong to *imply that other Euro*pean countries share Britain's *objectives and approach.*

British hopes of building a *mildly sceptical cross-European* coalition with right-wing groups *in the French, German and Italian* governments looks like wishful *thinking after the collapse of the* Berlusconi administration in Italy *and given the strong backing for* Edouard Balladur's presidential *candidacy from the pro-European* centre-left in France. Tory MEPs *are likely to remain separate from* fellow right-wing groups in the *European People's Party*, including some conservative parties in *the new entrants to the Union.*

On the central issue of mone*tary union, there is still a strong* chance that an inner core will *press ahead by 1999, if not by the* first date of 1997. This could *comprise* France, Germany, Austria and the Benelux countries *(despite Belgium's problems* in meeting the convergence criteria), *plus possibly one or more* of the Scandinavians. Britain may have *its opt-out, but* the creation of monetary union by such a group *would of itself* create a two-tier Europe and intensify the debate about Britain's place in Europe.

Mr Major is positioning the Tories *to* resist big changes at the IGC with a referendum as a possibile reserve, and monetary union pushed into the indefinite future. That may unite most Tories in the immediate future, as Mr Major has claimed. But it is likely to be at the cost of further friction and messy compromises with France and Germany in the negotations up to the 1996 conference. Keeping the Tory party united is likely to be incompatible with being at the heart of Europe.

PETER RIDDELL

Labour to provoke rail battle in 59 Tory marginals

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR stepped up its campaign to halt the privatisation of British Rail yesterday with plans to highlight the possible consequences for 59 Tory marginal seats.

Over the next few weeks Labour will write to all the MPs and local newspapers in the constituencies highlighting fears about the end of through-ticketing at many of *their stations*.

As Labour declared that rail *privatisation would be its key* campaign in 1995, Tony Blair, the party leader, clashed with the Prime Minister over through-ticketing. Mr Blair demanded to know what John Major would do if John Swift, the rail regulator, failed to support the continued widespread availability of the service.

Mr Major swept aside Mr Blair's protests, saying that rail privatisation would improve services for customers. In a taunt about Labour's transport policy, he said that *he had not changed policy on* "Friday, Saturday, Sunday *and Monday*".

However, Mr Major failed to clarify what *his position* would be if Mr Swift proposed a reduction in through-ticket services. "I will wait and see what proposals the regulator has."

In a consultation document, Mr Swift has suggested restricting the number of stations that can sell tickets to anywhere on the network. That would mean some passengers having to travel further afield to buy the ticket they need. One of the options in the document is that fewer than 300 of the present 1,300 stations offering through-ticketing would do so after privatisation.

Henry McLeish, Shadow Railways Minister, said that if the reduction went ahead only 24 stations out of the present 173 in the 59 marginal constituencies would keep through-ticketing facilities. He predicted that 27 of the constituencies would have no through-ticketing facilities *and ten would have no sta*tions at all.

Labour would be encouraging every commuter and every weekend and business traveller to write to or telephone their MP. "Every Tory MP with a small majority will know they are voting for rail privatisation at their own risk. Our campaign will show just how serious we are about stopping privatisation and about using the damage it is doing to the Tories to Labour's electoral advantage."

Labour hopes to attract the support of several Tory rebels for the party's motion in the Commons today for the retention of through-ticketing. The party also intends to campaign against the Government's decision to sell off Railtrack through secondary legislation, rather than putting it to a separate parliamentary vote.

Michael Meacher, the Shawow Transport Secretary, insisted yesterday that Labour's drive to halt the rail *sell-off would be the party's* top campaign this year. His pledge came *hours after John* Major had vowed to press ahead with rail privatisation before the next election.

Commenting on yesterday's disclosure in *The Times*, that rail privatisation receipts may be halved, Mr Meacher said the Government was now preparing to sell a key public asset for "a song". The public would resist any attempt to give away an asset that had been valued at £6 billion. He failed, however, to give any further details about how Labour would bring the railways back *into public ownership*.

He insisted that the working party *chaired by John Pres*cott, the deputy leader, had been set up to look at all the options. A decision had yet to be made on Mr Prescott's suggestion that franchise contracts should be allowed to run their course for seven to eight years.

"We are committed to a publicly owned and publicly accountable system. The public have got to trust us. We will find the best way, the cheapest way and the quickest way to meet that objective."

McLeish: will point out the risk to Tory MPs

Tam Dalyell discussing his views on devolution with Labour Party activists at a meeting in Blaby, Leicestershire, on Monday night

Dalyell's resolve dented by party activists

By Jill Sherman

TAM DALYELL, the Labour MP who on Monday night denounced his *party's proposals for devolution, said* after the speech that he was "rethink*ing" his* position.

In a radio interview recorded on *Monday, Mr Dalyell, who has* argued against devolution for over 20 years, appeared to have been convinced by his audience of 40 Labour supporters in Blaby, Leicestershire, that he had been wrong all along.

After the BBC interview was broadcast yesterday, however, Mr Dalyell said that his remarks had been truncated and that he still opposed devolution. He said that he was prepared for an attempt to deselect him *for ignoring the advice of his constitu*ency party not to defy the Labour *leader and added: "It will not change* my position."

Tim *Ottevanger, secretary of Blaby* Labour party, expressed surprise at the *interview and said that was no sign of* Mr Dalyell having changed his view as a result of the meeting. "He listened, we listened, and agreed to differ. I can't see how 40 activists in Blaby are particularly representative of the national view ... I'm sure he must have heard the arguments before."

The MP for Linlithgow told the Blaby meeting that Labour's plans for a Scottish parliament were unworkable, "fundamentally flawed and *wrong" and amounted to* "election losing nonsense".

In the interview for Radio 4's Today programme he appeared to backtrack. *He said he had got "a response far* different from that which I had *expected" from the Labour activists.* "The proposals by the official Labour Party were far more favourably viewed than I thought they would be."

"Now, there's concern about the so-called West Lothian question, but they are so desperate to get regional assemblies in this Leicestershire area ... that I've got some rethinking to do."

Labour has pledged legislation for a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly in its first year of office. It has *also said that it will devolve power at* regional level where there is a demand.

*Ian Grant, Mr Dalyell's constituen*cy chairman, said that some branches *of the local party and some affiliated* organisations *might press for another candidate if the MP continued along* his present path.

Meanwhile, the Liberal Democrats launched their campaign for devolution in Scotland. Menzies Campbell (Fife North East) gained an unopposed formal first reading for his Home Rule (Scotland) Bill. The measure, which stands no chance of becoming law, would provide for a Scottish parliament with tax-raising powers, elected by proportional representation.

Major boosts his batting average

By ALICE THOMSON

THE Prime Minister had more fun at Question Time in the Commons yesterday than he has had since he managed to bowl out the South African sports minister in Alexandra Township last year.

In an unexpected return to his South African form, John Major hit every question for six.

He was armed with quips about recent Labour antics as he approached the dispatch box and immediately swept aside protests by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, that he *had done a U-turn on* railway through-ticketing.

***In answer to* one of his favourite questions, on whether *he would think* about establishing a British cricket *academy, Mr Major*, swinging an imaginary bat, *said that* there were *few* things he desired more than to *see a revival of team sport* and perhaps the National Lottery could be used.**

But he saved his best performance for Sir Peter Tapsell, who pointed out that the Mr Major had recently stated that he would not agree to any adverse constitutional changes at the IGC in 1996 while Mr Blair had agreed to further reductions in national soverignity.

Refering to Blair's rebuke to Labour MEPs, Mr Major said: "I'm rather surprised at what Mr Blair has to say about handing more powers to the European Parliament in view of the low opinion he's recently expressed of some Members of it."

The Tory back benches could hardly contain themselves as *Mr Major* left. They broke into their version of the *Mexican* wave, *rising in* applause and shouting "encore" *and "more, more"*.

Aitken ridicules Blair's 'silent' Treasury team

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

JONATHAN AITKEN accused Labour last night of "schizophrenic splits and silences" over its own economic policy and said that only the Tories could strengthen Britain's "excellent recent economic performance" and encourage enterprise.

Opening the second reading debate on the Finance Bill, which enacts the November Budget, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury concentrated on attacking the Opposition.

"Up until now, the Treasury team opposite have performed a passable imitation of four Trappist monks in a Harold Pinter play. Whenever they are asked fundamental questions on vital economic policy issues all we get is *uncomfortable* Pinteresque silences that *are even getting noticed* and written up by the critics."

Andrew *Smith, Shadow* Chief Secretary, accused Mr Aitken *of talking for only eight* minutes on the Bill and 25 *minutes* on Labour. The Bill was "something of a shambles" *and it would have to be* amended later to take account *of the Government's defeat* over higher VAT on heating fuel and the subsequent increase in taxes on motor fuel, alcohol and cigarettes.

Mr Smith said that opportunities for the abuse of venture capital trusts were legion. "The tax avoidance culture for the super-rich and very well-advised make a sickening contrast with higher tax bills — £800 a year extra — for the typical family when the Prime Minister promised tax cuts."

Mr Aitken told MPs: "The economy has been growing for two and a half years. Growth in the last year was over 4 per cent, the fastest in the EU... Inflation remains low. It has *now been below 3 per cent for* 14 months running — some*thing not seen since* 1961, when the Leader of the Oppo*sition was still receiving his* private school education on *school fees free from* VAT."

Aitken: emphasised economic success

Monetary union examined

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A FORMER Bank of England governor will lead an investigation into a European single currency aimed at improving public understanding of monetary union.

Lord Kingsdown, formerly Sir Robin Leigh-Pemberton, will invite Tory Euro-sceptics to give evidence. His working group's findings will be published before an EU summit in June, at which Mr Major will be under pressure to soften his opposition to the early introduction of a single currency.

The investigation, to be launched *tomorrow*, is backed by a new non-party *group, Action Centre for* Europe. Michael Welsh, *chief executive, said:* "We want to get away from the *jargon about* the single currency and tell people what it *actually* means to them."

Labour MP expects bus sell-off profit

By JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN MAJOR sought to exploit Labour splits over privatisation policy in the Commons yesterday when he congratulated a former Labour transport spokesman who stands to make a large profit out of the sale of a privatised bus company.

Peter Snape, who was a frontbench Labour transport spokesman until 1992, is a non-executive director of West Midlands Travel, which is due to be floated on the stock market later *this* year. *He has* been granted 40,000 share options *in* the company, which could be worth up to £60,000.

At Prime Minister's question time Henry Bellingham (Norfolk North West) urged Mr Major to look at the company's "success" story. "The directors, who include Peter Snape, will make large profits on their share options."

Mr Major replied: "It's *another indication this* week that it's better to be a former *Labour transport spokesman* than a current Labour trans*port spokesman. I hope Mr* Snape does very well out of it."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to the *Health Secretary* and the Prime Minister were followed by the introduction of a 10-minute rule bill on Building Societies (Joint Account Holders). MPs went on to debate the second reading of the Finance Bill. In the Lords the Environment Bill began its committee stage

TODAY: In the Commons environment questions will be followed by two Labour supply day debates. One will be on through-ticketing under rail privatisation and opened by Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary. The other will be on Spanish and Portugese fishing vessels' access to British waters.

In the Lords there will also be two Labour-initiated debates, one on the problems of councils in providing services, the other on the state of sport in the UK and facilities in the regions.

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'People who know best are those most closely involved, but they cannot make their views known'

Creator of the new shires votes for parish pump politics

*The chairman of the Local Government Commission tells **Ian Murray** why small is beautiful in decision-making*

SIR JOHN BANHAM, who has just completed redrawing the shires map of England, believes the future for local government lies in parish pump politics rather than monolithic councils.

Sir John, whose Local Government Commission produced its final proposals last week, said in an interview that he is a great supporter of subsidiarity and tends to "think small". "Unparished" areas should set up councils as the first tier in a process to bring decision-making closer to the people."

"We are moving on to a structure where more power will be devolved to the local community, with an enhanced advisory role for town and parish councils," Sir John said. "The notion of parish pump politics has been a term of abuse, but if there is one big idea floating about at the moment it is the concept of community and the coming era of the active citizen."

The commission has left much untouched, to the disappointment of the Government and the dismay of most district authorities. It has proposed 50 new all-purpose authorities, nearly all in urban areas.

"If we had done what we were told to do and agreed to carve England up into unitary councils, it would have gone straight through the Commons without touching the sides. Hardly anyone from either of the main parties would have objected." But "there would have been mayhem when the legislation reached the real world. The fact is the public just did not want it and it wouldn't have worked anyway."

"The one thing I learnt in this process was humility — though it may not sound like it," he says. "I have learnt that my judgement is by no means perfect and that I can learn from what people have to say."

Sir John says he kept 32 of the 39 shires much as they were because to impose a new structure would be to slam the door on evolution to a new style of democratic, local decision-making. He is an enthusiast for subsidiarity. His preferred rural model is the French commune, with an average population of 3,000. Local government should reflect natural communities. "Most communities are no bigger than a Neighbourhood Watch of 4,000 to 5,000 people and the largest community I know is Rutland, which has a population of 30,000. The people who know best what they want are those most closely involved, but at present they are unable to make their views known clearly.

"Councillors are either full-time workers, pensioners or people using the job as a stepping stone to something else in politics. They cannot keep their finger on the pulse of everything that is happening. Parliament often seems irrelevant. A world where they are enacting 15 pages of law and 18 statutory instruments a day is not very sensible. Not much of it has any obvious impact on the community.

"But as technology takes hold and we enter the era of telecommunicating, I can see relatively small communities with citizens able to access their local government directly and to take part in decision-making. If we do it already in voting for the Eurovision Song Contest, why not do it for local government?"

MICHAEL POWELL

Sir John: if push-button votes work for Eurovision contest, why not for town halls?

Unitary bodies to start next year

By Ian Murray

THE Government wants to see the artificial counties of Avon, Humberside and Cleveland, and the ancient city of York, operating as all-purpose unitary authorities by April next year, David Curry, the Local Government Minister, told a London conference yesterday.

Local elections for the new authorities have to be held this May and Mr Curry said it would be impossible to complete consultations in time for any other councils before then. That meant that elections for all the other authorities would have to be held next year and the new structure of local government in England would not be in place until April 1, 1997.

Mr Curry was deeply disappointed that the local government commission under Sir John Banham had opted for no change in so many areas, on the ground that local opinion was against it. "Some propaganda from some local authorities contained such sheer blatant dishonesty that it brings disgrace on local government," he said.

He told the conference of district councillors that he was nevertheless personally committed to seeing unitary authorities throughout England. He was sure they would outperform the old two-tier system, where some services are provided by the council and others by the districts. However, he could not impose that system.

He hinted that the commission would be asked to conduct a second review in Norwich, Exeter, Northampton and Kent but confirmed that, even if the commission refused to change its mind, local authorities would one day be able to petition for change.

Labour to restore councils' powers

By Our Community Correspondent

LABOUR will give power back to local authorities along with control over the larger part of their budgets, Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, said yesterday. He also said a Labour government would ensure that local councils regained overall control of education.

Labour would end the present system of capping whereby central government dictates the maximum amount a council can spend. Instead, councils will regain the right to levy a local business rate and will be able to set council tax at whatever level they need to fund the budget they decide.

At present about 85 per cent of a council's money comes from central government grants, and all but 2 per cent of its budget has to be spent on fulfilling its mandatory duties. Councils complain that what is left for discretionary expenditure means they have lost most of their ability to govern local affairs.

To prevent maverick councils wasting money, Mr Dobson suggested that the Audit Commission will probably be given powers to scrutinise the budgets of the highest-spending authorities, with further checks to ensure that low-spending councils were providing adequate services.

"Overall we mean to restore the duties and powers you have lost over recent years," Mr Dobson told a London conference of district councillors. "You should be given every power you need to carry out the duty to promote the economic and social well-being of people of your area."

Labour wanted to see local authorities more involved in the running of Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs), which he said were often in a mess. Although he refused to say that schools which have opted out of local authority control will lose their independence, he insisted that education would return to council control.

He said Labour was committed to the idea of unitary authorities everywhere, serving under regional assemblies with members either directly elected or appointed by local authorities.

Dobson: plans to abolish capping

Millions of motorists willing to break law

By Our Motoring Correspondent

MILLIONS of British motorists would drive on the wrong side of the law if they could get away with it. A quarter would drive away quickly if they dented another car in a car park and one in eight — about three million people — said they would use a disabled parking sticker to which they were not entitled.

The 1995 Lex Report on Motoring surveyed 1,500 drivers and showed that drinking and driving has not been cured by publicity campaigns. One in seven people would risk driving home several miles after a few drinks at a friend's house, even though the survey reveals that two-thirds of drivers believe drinking and driving is the biggest cause of accidents.

Drivers want more buses and trains

By Kevin Eason, *Motoring Correspondent*

MOTORISTS want the government to switch investment from road building to rail and buses to ease congestion and improve the environment, according to a survey published yesterday.

Fewer than one in five motorists believes that spending more money on roads is the way to reduce pollution and overcrowding. But two in five want "a lot more investment" in trains and buses and 22 per cent want increased subsidies for public transport.

The findings in the 1995 Lex Report on Motoring, conducted by MORI for the Lex Service group, underline the change in public attitudes to the car. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, has already signalled a switch in government policy by cutting the road-building budget by more than £5 billion. He said in a foreword to the report: "One of the clear messages is that people value enormously the freedom and convenience provided by their cars.

"It is also evident that more and more motorists consider environmental issues to be important, and we must look for ways of achieving a balance between these two conflicting priorities." However, government policies on privatising rail and introducing road tolls could be out of step with public attitudes if the Lex Report is a guide.

MORI interviewed more than 1,500 motorists around the country to discover what they thought should be done to alleviate Britain's increasingly difficult problems of congestion and pollution. The report says: "Drivers' attitudes have moved markedly away from support for road development and towards policies which develop public transport and, in some cases, impose greater restrictions on the motorist."

Potato failure doubles price

By Michael Hornsby, *Agriculture Correspondent*

A POTATO shortage is squeezing the profits of Britain's 9,000 fish-and-chip shops and forcing up supermarket prices. The shortage is attributed to a wet and cold winter last year, which delayed planting, and dry weather during May, June and July, which reduced the number of potatoes per root.

Rob Burrow, of the Potato Marketing Board, said: "We estimate the 1994 harvest at 6.3 million tonnes, compared with 6.8 million tonnes in 1993 and 7.5 million tonnes in 1992. The average yield was down to 43.4 tonnes a hectare from 45.1 tonnes in 1993."

Although seasonal imports will arrive soon from countries such as Cyprus and Egypt, prices are expected to stay high until growers start to harvest the first potatoes of the 1995 crop in May.

Top-quality large potatoes suitable for chips or for baking are particularly scarce. According to the board, supermarket prices range from 16p to 33p a lb, depending on the variety, compared with 6p to 20p a lb this time last year.

Mr Burrow said: "Quite a few growers seem to be holding back supplies in the belief that demand will stay strong and push prices even higher."

Arthur Parrington, secretary of the National Federation of Fish Friers, said the takeaway market was highly competitive and fish-and-chip shops were reluctant to pass the extra costs on to their customers. "It is still possible to get a standard portion of fish and chips for £2 to £2.20, an increase of no more than 10p or so on a year ago. But shops are having to cut their profits or perhaps serve slightly smaller portions."

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Millions of pounds saved as MI5 and MI6 make economies in buildings and kit

Treasury orders security services to cut budgets

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

BRITAIN'S security and intelligence services are cutting millions of pounds from their budgets after Treasury orders to trim spending by more than 10 per cent.

The cuts in the Security Service (MI5) and the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) take effect from April and will extend over the next two years. Britain spends £881 million a year on the two services and GCHQ.

The economies will be introduced as part of the Treasury's drive for greater efficiency plus savings across the whole Civil Service. Yesterday a senior Whitehall source said the cuts would be worth a little over 10 per cent.

The source confirmed the start of the cuts this spring but said these would not result in substantial manpower cuts. The source said: "It will be a saving in money, not staff. The money would cover buildings, kit and all that. We are not talking big body counts."

The economies are the first for the intelligence and security communities for decades. MI5 and MI6 officers acknowledge there could be further manpower cuts of 10 to 15 per cent "down the line" as the Treasury begins to seek a peace dividend from improved East-West relations and peace in Northern Ireland.

The cuts come into force as both services settle into new headquarters within easy reach of Whitehall and Westminster. MI5's new offices on Millbank cost an estimated £265 million.

MI6 has a new set of offices designed by Terry Farrell on the south side of the Thames on Vauxhall Bridge Road. Both services have out-stations and training establishments in London and elsewhere in Britain as well as buildings abroad and there are extensive computer and communications systems. MI5 has put up for sale one of its main London buildings.

Rimington: could join fight against crime

While both services may not enforce redundancies or early retirement, cuts could be made in recruiting and operations could be reduced in line with new priorities. MI5 has a staff of 2,200, more than half of them women and many of them career officers. About 50 per cent are aged under 40.

Fresh proposals for cuts based on a "peace dividend" would be fiercely opposed by the two services, which have never faced drastic cuts, and ministers and mandarins would find themselves in the middle of a long battle.

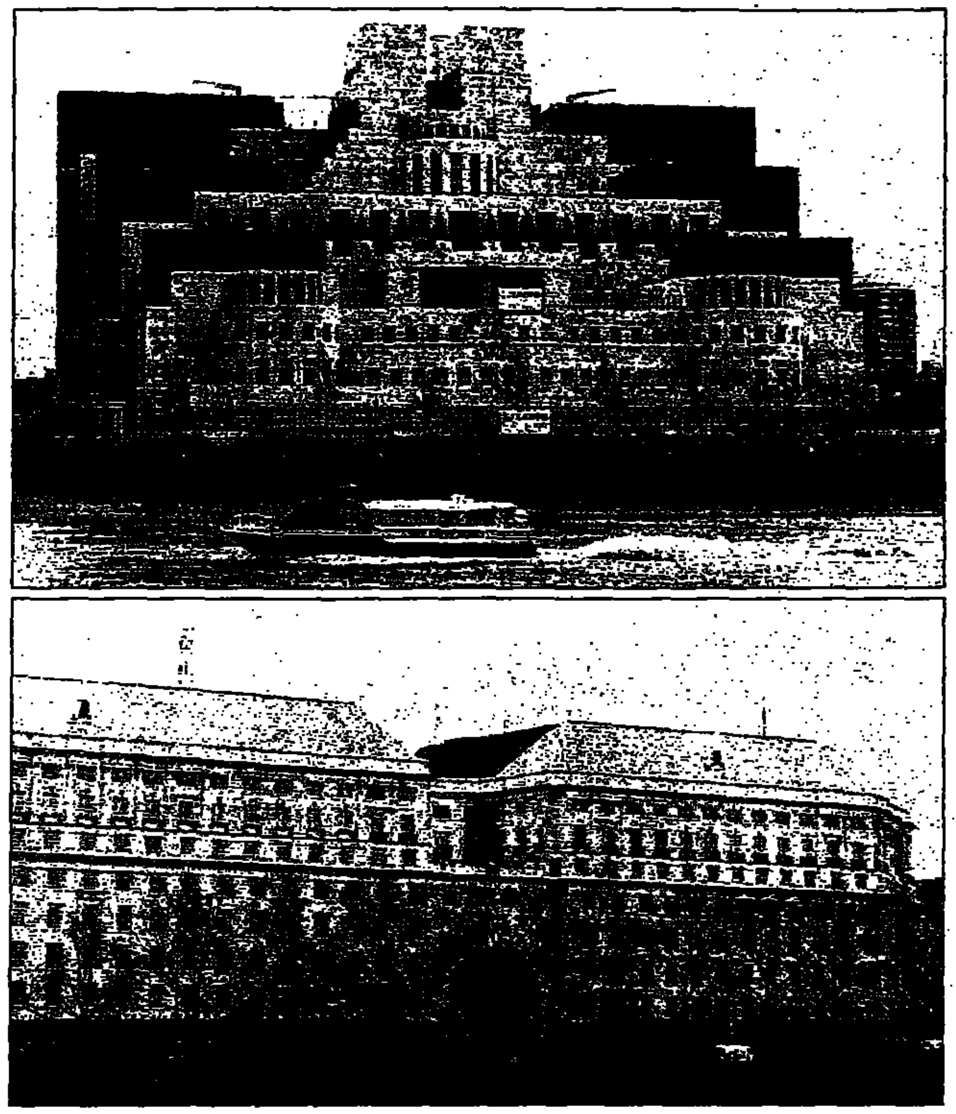
MI6 takes the view that it is too soon to relax over conditions in Eastern Europe and believes the Russian states could pose new problems. Within MI5 there is concern that optimism about progress towards peace in Northern Ireland could be premature. In the next few months the IRA could split, as it did in the very early Seventies, creating a new group of militants who would bring its campaign back to mainland Britain. The IRA has not stopped surveillance and reconnaissance work during the ceasefire.

There has already been speculation within MI5 of substantial manpower cuts sometime in the future. Last autumn Stella Rimington, Director-General of MI5, said she believed her service could join the police to combat drug trafficking and organised crime.

MI6 officers are understood to feel that although the communist domination of Eastern Europe has gone, the Russian states remain highly volatile and unstable.

As the cuts begin to bite at MI5 and MI6, Scotland Yard commanders are drawing up plans for reductions of 10 to 15 per cent of the manpower of the special branch and anti-terrorist branches, totalling 650 officers.

The cuts are part of a general reduction in staff in the Yard's central detectives squads over 18 months.



The new MI6 building in Vauxhall Bridge Road, top, and MI5 HQ in Millbank

'Hurtling force' wins Eliot prize for poetry

By Dalya Alberge
Arts correspondent

ONE of Ireland's leading contemporary poets has won the 1994 T. S. Eliot Prize for poetry. Paul Muldoon, whose work touches on themes such as love and self-discovery, was selected for his latest collection, *The Annals of Chile*. The £5,000 award was presented by Eliot's widow Valerie.

Elaine Feinstein, chairman of the judges, said Muldoon "stood out for the energy of his language, the hurtling force of his line and the seemingly effortless spontaneity of his invention".

Muldoon, who was born in Northern Ireland in 1951 and studied under Seamus Heaney at Queen's University, Belfast, lives in the United States and teaches at Princeton.

One review of *The Annals of Chile* described his "shimmeringly perverse wordplay" that "constantly conjures linguistic vitality and fluidity"; another, commented on the way he uses "consonantal rhymes with a dizzying sophistication and variety".

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West **Love all. IMPs**

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♦Q J 8 6 4 3
♣Q 7

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♣A 8

♠J 4
♥10 8 7 5 3 2
♦K 7
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Dyson	Glubb	Liggins	Zaman
1♣	1♦	1♠	Pass
4♦ (1)	Pass	4NT (2)	Pass
5♣ (3)	Pass	5NT (4)	Pass
6♦ (5)	Pass	6♥ (6)	Pass
7♠ (7)	All Pass		

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge correspondent

This is an instructive auction by one of England's leading pairs, demonstrating some of the bidding ideas in use in the modern tournament game. It occurred in last December's Macallan Camrose match against Wales. The translation is as follows:

1. Four Diamonds showed spade support and a singleton diamond, a so-called "splinter bid". The normal agreement is to play an "unnecessary jump" as a splinter. Splinters are even creeping into some rubber bridge games.

2. Roman Key-Card Blackwood ("RKC"). RKC has more or less completely taken over from the original version of the convention in the tournament world. The main difference between RKC and its more venerable predecessor is that there are considered to be five key cards — the king of trumps is treated as a fifth ace.

3. None or three key cards. As West has bid so strongly, in this case it is clearly three — two aces and the king of spades.

4. East knows now that his side is close to the seven level. He asks for kings. The response (5) showed one (remember West had already shown the king of spades in reply to RKC).

6. A last try for Seven Spades, meaning: "I know a lot about your hand, but have you got anything extra?"

7. West decided that his sixth club was what was needed. Seven Spades was a good contract and with both black suits breaking in friendly fashion, presented no problems for declarer.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Doctors on board

Nine doctors hundreds of miles apart will be playing a video conference tournament today. The British Telecom West End chess club has invited contestants, including gynaecologists, psychiatrists, surgeons and GPs, to play by video link between London and the BT training centre in Staffordshire. The link will allow the doctors to see their opponents and all the moves.

British lead

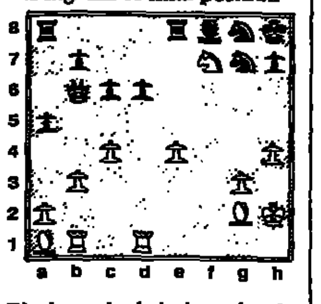
Andrew Kinsman, from London, has moved into an early lead in the international tournament in Gausdal, Norway. After two rounds he has a 100 per cent score and his victories include the following game that ends with a spectacular queen sacrifice to force smothered mate with a knight.

White: Kinsman
Black: Hagesaether
Gausdal, January 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	c4	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	d6
6	0-0	Nbd7
7	Qc2	e5
8	Rd1	Re8
9	e4	exd4
10	Nxd4	Nc5
11	Nc3	a5
12	Ndb5	Bd7
13	f3	Bxb5
14	Nxb5	Nfd7
15	Rb1	Qb8
16	Be3	Bf8
17	Qd2	Ne5
18	b3	Ne6
19	h3	Rd8
20	f4	Nd7
21	h4	Ng7
22	Bd4	Ne5
23	Qe2	Nc6
24	Ba1	Na7
25	Nd4	Nc6
26	Nc2	Qa7+
27	Kh2	Re8
28	Ne3	Ne7
29	Qf3	c6
30	Ng4	Nh5
31	f5	Qb6
32	fxg6	Nxg6
33	Qf5	Ng7
34	Nh6+	Kh8
35	Qxf7	Ne7
36	Qg8+	Nxg8
37	Nf7	mate

Diagram of final position



Black wriggled ingeniously before succumbing to White's pressure. In particular he set the trap of 22 ... Ne5 when 23 fxe5 dxe5 leads to Black's advantage.

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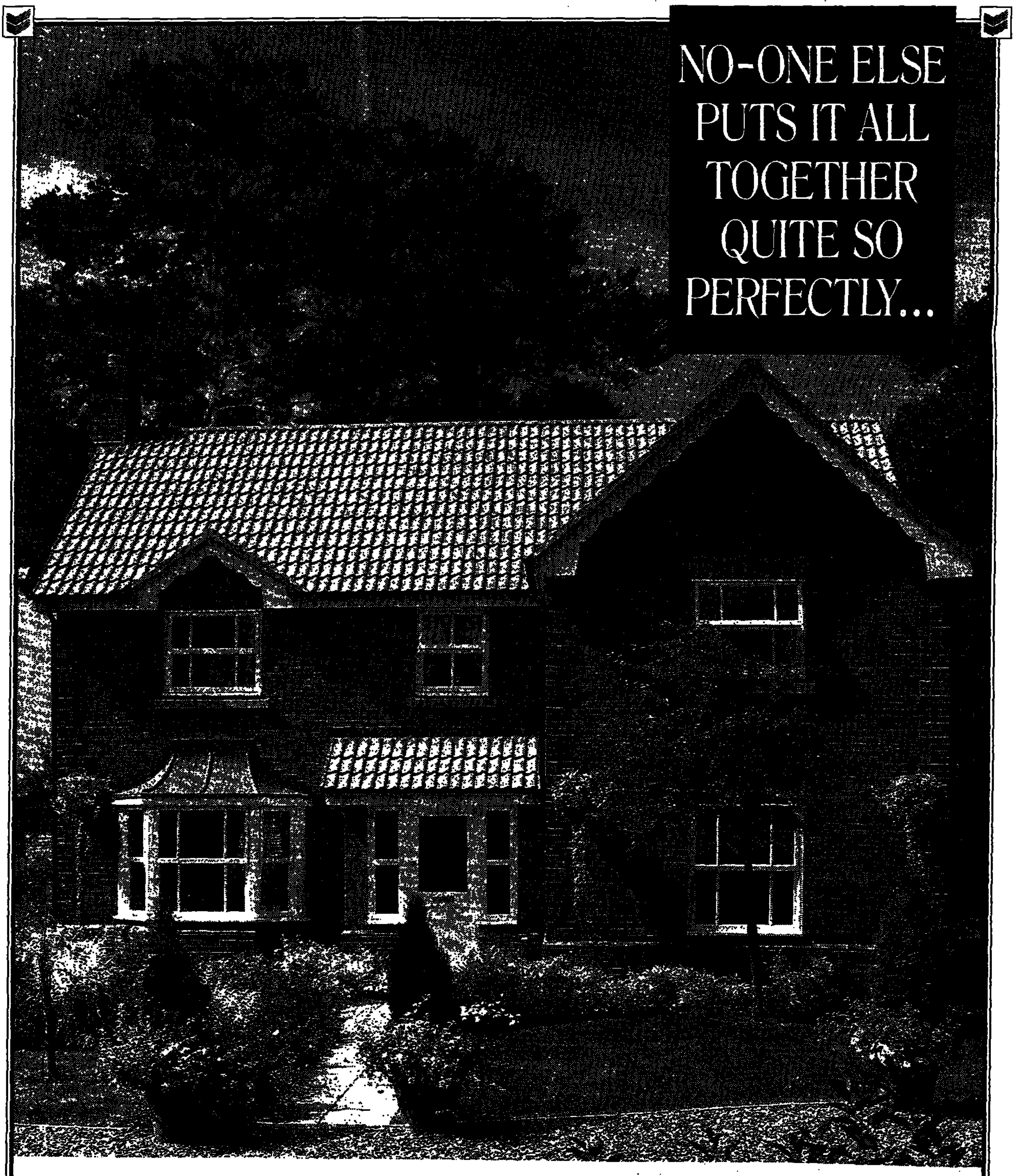

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Christopher meets Kozyrev amid first hopes for a halt to bloodshed

Chechen delegation agrees ceasefire with Chernomyrdin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW
AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN GENEVA

RUSSIAN and Chechen negotiators yesterday agreed to a ceasefire to come into effect this evening in an effort to halt the five-week conflict and begin talks on a settlement.

In the first concrete sign that the war in the northern Caucasus may be resolved through dialogue, a deal was reached between Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, and a two-man delegation representing General Dhzokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader.

"An agreement has been reached on stopping the bloodshed on the basis of halting military actions," said Usman Imayev, the Chechen Justice Minister.

If confirmed, the truce would mark the first time since Russian forces invaded the breakaway republic on December 11 that the two sides have agreed to cease hostilities and begin negotiations.

Chechens in the battered city of Grozny reacted with deep scepticism yesterday to Moscow's offer of a ceasefire. Throughout the day, the Russian bombardment of the city centre continued unabated.

Mr Chernomyrdin, who has emerged as the leading "dove" in the Russian Government, said on Monday he wanted to arrange a ceasefire, begin the process of reconstruction in Chechenia, install an interim government and eventually allow Chechens to vote on their future.

Although the offer also included a demand that the Chechens disarm, it was by far the most generous deal proposed by Moscow and appeared to confirm that President Yeltsin was seeking to bring a rapid end to his disastrous winter campaign.

However, it is not clear how much influence Mr Chernomyrdin has over the so-called "party of war", the powerful clique of hardline ministers and presidential aides who initiated the invasion and need to produce a convincing military victory to save their positions. In the past, for instance, President Yeltsin's orders to halt the use of air bombardment on civilian areas has been flouted by the military and security chiefs. Previous ceasefires have usually only lasted a matter of minutes.

It was also not clear what position the Chechen leader was taking. He has frequently repeated that dialogue with Moscow is only possible once all Russian forces have left Chechenia. In Moscow, the Government came under renewed pressure to stop the war when it was reported from the military headquarters in Mozdok that as many as 1,160 Russian soldiers have been killed so far in Chechenia, about three times as many as the Ministry of Defence has admitted. Internationally, pressure is also mounting, with a personal appeal for the fighting to stop made by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who met his Russian counterpart Andrei Kozyrev yesterday in Geneva at the start of two days of talks.

With Moscow seeking a May summit between Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin, both countries are likely to ask questions rather than make demands. "Chechenia is just a symptom of America's concern about Russia, not the main worry in itself," one source said. "Christopher wants to know who is in charge, Yeltsin or the hardliners." Mr Kozyrev will be asking what Russia should make of Newt Gingrich, the new Republican Speaker in the House.

Mr Kozyrev yesterday defended Russia's bombardment of Grozny: "We want the armed stage to be finished as soon as possible. But the armed gangs do not want reconciliation and do not want a peaceful solution," he said.

VOVA RINBERG

Civilians in Grozny scan the sky for Russian warplanes during a rocket and shell bombardment of the city

Yeltsin strategy rests on exploiting clan rivalry

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY

That the Russian disaster in Chechenia is largely due to appallingly poor intelligence is by now obvious. It also, however, owes something to bad anthropology, of a kind that has often led imperial powers to disaster.

In August last year, I was able to read a leaked Russian government briefing paper on Chechenia, which at the time appeared to be a well-informed and sophisticated analysis. It set out and recommended a Russian strategy of destroying the Dudayev regime by playing on traditional rivalries between Chechen clans, or "Teips".

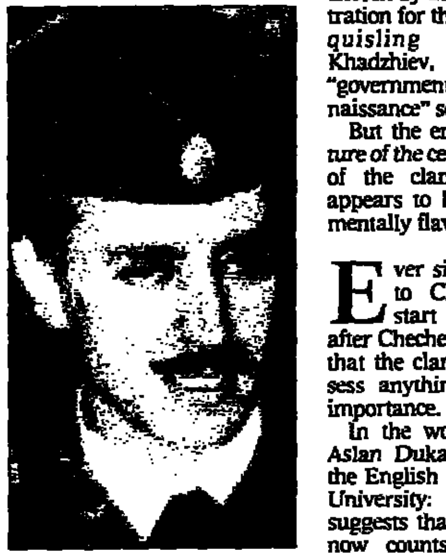
As in some other Muslim regions of the former Soviet Union, the activities of the clans continued to some extent under Communist rule, with bureaucratic cliques forming according to allegiance. As the briefing paper pointed out, in the latter years of Soviet rule in Chechenia, one clan in particular, the Tyerekhskoi, gained dominance over much of the Soviet establishment in Chechenia. They were encouraged by a leading clan member, Doku Zavgayev, the local Communist Party First Secretary, who is now an adviser to President Yeltsin.

The Russian government paper portrayed the Chechen national revolution of 1991 as to a great extent not a matter of nationalist ideology, but a revolt of other clans against Tyerekhskoi domination, with the great prize being control of Chechenia's lucrative oil industry.

The paper suggested that General Dzhokhar Dudayev was chosen as leader of the national movement not so much because of his force of character or fiery nationalism but because he came from a small, unimportant clan and was therefore seen as a neutral, compromise figure in clan politics.

The Russian analysis suggested that General Dudayev subsequently alienated many other Chechen leaders not just through his growing personal autocracy, but because of the way he allowed or encouraged one of the clans supporting him, Myelkhi, to take control of the oil industry. The paper therefore proposed a continuation of a long-standing Russian strategy of trying to create a coalition of clans against General Dudayev, providing them with arms and money until they were in a position to bring him down. At the head of the coalition, it was proposed to place the "Provisional Council", dominated by members of the Tyerekhskoi clan and the old Soviet establishment.

The strategy also tied in with what seems to have been the deep and genuine reluctance of most of the Russian security establishment to launch a direct military attack on Chechenia — a reluctance crushingly justified by events. In the words of the August briefing paper, "a short-term military victory will by no means necessarily guarantee political stability". The document cautioned President Yeltsin and the Government of the likelihood of a long-running guerrilla and terrorist war.



Dudayev: seen initially as a neutral figure

According to information from government sources, during summer and autumn, the Federal Counter Intelligence Service (successor to the KGB), military intelligence (GRU) and Russian army commanders in the north Caucasus all advised President Yeltsin strongly against military intervention. The decision to attack in early December was evidently made by Mr Yeltsin, General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, and a small group of security advisers in the face of this general opposition. The anger of the generals who had been overruled immediately broke out in public criticism, refusal to serve in the Chechen operation, and the spreading of disaffection among troops on the ground.

Mr Yeltsin and his advisers still seem to hope that they can exploit Chechenia's clan differences to create a quisling administration if the Russian Army can succeed in conquering the place. To judge by his frequent appearances on Russian state television, the man chosen by the Yeltsin administration for the role of Chechen quisling is Salambek Khadzhiev, the head of a "government of national renaissance" set up by Russia.

But the entire Russian picture of the central political role of the clans in Chechenia appears to have been fundamentally flawed.

Ever since my first visit to Chechenia at the start of 1992, Chechen after Chechen has assured me that the clans no longer possess anything like their old importance.

In the words of Professor Aslan Dukayev, the head of the English faculty of Grozny University: "Most evidence suggests that the clan system now counts for very little politically. People will still listen politely to clan elders when they speak, but then they will do whatever they like. The clans still count for some things in social life, for example in marriages, but even this holds true only in the countryside."

In any case, as Chechens told me, the "Teip", emphasised in the Russian government paper's analysis, is only one element in a very complicated interlocking system of clan, tribal, religious, and family networks, which the Russian analysts had clearly failed to understand. As every hour of the defence of Grozny emphasises, what matters in Chechenia today is nationalism, and unity in the face of incursions.

US may parole Briton held for 24 years

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

THE longest-serving British prisoner in a foreign jail may be about to be released on parole after nearly a quarter of a century in jail.

A parole panel in New Jersey is this week deciding whether Raymond Dozier is psychologically ready for the outside world, and if it rules in his favour, he intends to return to Britain to find the father he last saw when he was a baby. Dozier, 45, was given two consecutive life sentences in May 1971 for kidnap and murder. He and his co-defendant claim they were innocent.

Speaking from the River Front State Prison on the Delaware in New Jersey, Dozier said: "When you have been incarcerated this length of time, the prison walls give you a false sense of security. Now I must readjust. It feels strange, but it feels good to think I may soon be free.

"I hope to come back to Britain when I get my parole. I have fond memories of all my experiences in the UK. My whole desire is to get a job, I am the kind of individual who likes to work with his hands."

Asked what he had missed most during his years of maximum security imprisonment, Dozier said "women". His parents separated when he was a child, and his mother remarried and went to live in America. Dozier joined his mother and stepfather, who died in 1983, when he was eight years old. He was 21 when arrested and convicted for the murders and kidnappings. Dozier, whose mother and two sisters regularly visit him, hopes the panel will decide that he is ready for parole in three months, although he says that theoretically, he could be held for at least two more years.

The man described as a model prisoner by one of the jail administrators, praised the British Consulate in New York, which has kept in touch with him throughout his years behind bars.

"For years in high security prisons I could not see anything but walls. Now I am in a lighter security jail and I can see the river through a fence. It gives me peace of mind.

"In England I remember the cow pastures, the trees, the water. I would love to see this again."

Dozier is one of more than 2,000 British nationals in foreign jails, many of them accused of drugs offences in France and Spain. Britain pays £11 million a year on consular services for Britons abroad, including prisoners.

WORLD SUMMARY

UN force in Bosnia told to quit base

Sarajevo: Bosnia has ordered hundreds of peacekeepers out of a base in northeast Bosnia by March 1, a senior official said yesterday, signalling a sharp deterioration in ties with the United Nations.

Hasan Muratovic, Minister for Relations with the UN, said he had written to UN officials, demanding that they leave Tuzla airport because of UN inability to open it and because of a decision to allow a Serb liasion officer there. In protest, the Bosnians have been blockading more than 1,000 UN troops in their bases for the past week, including about 450 at the airport. Most of the peacekeepers at the airfield are Norwegians.

In the meantime, Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, a UN official, reported fighting near Bihac town. Government troops in the Bihac enclave have been trying to repulse attacks by Serbs from Croatia and Bosnia, as well as by rebel Muslims. Over the weekend, they advanced west of Bihac and recaptured the town's water plant. The Serbs responded by shelling Bihac, killing seven civilians. *(AP)*

Wallenberg case reopens

Moscow: Russian authorities will help to investigate the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who disappeared in the Soviet Union after saving thousands of Jews from the Nazis, the Foreign Ministry said. While a Swedish diplomat in Budapest, Wallenberg saved an estimated 20,000 Hungarian Jews from the Holocaust in 1944-45, distributing Swedish passports to those being deported. When the Russians occupied Budapest in January 1945 they arrested him and said later that he had died in prison. *(AP)*

Rwanda begs for more aid

Geneva: Rwanda yesterday appealed to the international community to provide $1.4 billion (£897 million) for emergency aid and long term recovery. Faustin Twagiramungu, Rwanda's Prime Minister, said here that stability would be jeopardised unless his country received outside assistance.

☐ **Kigali:** Camps in Tanzania and Zaire for as many as 1.5 million Rwandan refugees are to be moved up to 125 miles from Rwanda's borders, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said.

Israel debates settlement plan

Jerusalem: Palestinian anger at Jewish expansion on land conquered in the 1967 war erupted into violence during the first of a series of "National Anti-Settlement Days" to be held by the Palestinian Authority. The frustration was intensified by confirmation that the Israeli Government is to debate next weekend a plan to increase construction on occupied Arab land by 77 per cent in the next three to four years.

De Klerk may face accusers

Johannesburg: Former President de Klerk, R. F. "Pik" Botha, former Foreign Minister, and Kobie Coetsee, former Justice Minister, may have to appear before a parliamentary committee to answer for the immunity they gave 3,500 policemen who committed crimes in defence of apartheid. Those given amnesty also included two other former ministers, Adriaan Vlok, Law and Order, and Magnus Malan, Defence.

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Shifting faults defy forecasts and show limits of design

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor, and Anjana Ahuja

NO COUNTRY works harder than Japan to predict earthquakes and protect its population against them. But four substantial quakes have now hit the country since December 28, and none has been predicted.

Yesterday's quake, measured by seismologists as magnitude 7.2, was worse only because its epicentre lay under a densely populated area. The earlier earthqakes — magnitude 7.5 on 28 December, 6.7 on New Year's Day, and 6.9 on 7 January — were all off the eastern coast of north Honshu and caused only a few fatalities.

Geologically, Japan is one of the most complicated areas of the world. Many active faults run across the country, which lies at the margin of two of the Earth's tectonic plates. The Philippines plate, moving north, collides with the Eurasian plate, putting the whole of Japan under pressure. As the stresses work through the system, faults suddenly change, but which will alter at any moment is very difficult to predict.

David Redmayne, a seismologist at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, said yesterday that the damage in Kobe was consistent with the epicentre of the earthquake having been shallow, producing strong shaking of the ground. Like the Northridge earthquake, north of Los Angeles, which occurred a year ago to the day, the Kobe quake may have produced very high ground accelerations.

"They build for earthquakes in Japan," Mr Redmayne says. "We look upon the Japanese as having the best construction standards. But there's a limit to how much you can do."

Chance is a big factor in determining just how quake-proof buildings should be, according to Dr Sarada Sarma, engineering seismologist who has studied the effect of earthquakes on buildings for 30 years. Dr Sarma, from Imperial College in London, explained that engineers incorporated a probability factor into their calculations of how much shaking a building should be able to withstand.

PREDICTION

"First you have to pinpoint the likely epicentres of any earthquakes that may strike. Then you have to calculate the distance away the building will be from this likely epicentre. Next you have to calculate the probability that an earthquake will happen during the lifetime of the structure. Otherwise you just end up saying that an earthquake will definitely happen at some time in the future."

The experience in Kobe could well prove sobering to the Japanese, who are inclined to boast how much better prepared they are than others. Many modern buildings were among those demolished by the earthquake, and parts of main highways were also destroyed. These included elevated sections of the Hanshin Expressway linking Kobe to Osaka, supposedly designed to resist quakes of magnitude 8.3.

"I can't believe this. It's so unfortunate," Yozo Fujino, professor of bridge engineering at Tokyo University, told the *Asahi Shimbun*. "We should review the safety of existing bridges."

Dr Scott Steedman, director of engineering at the consulting engineers Alexander Gibb, said that the Kobe quake had been the first real test for a modern Japanese city. He suspected that many of the demolished buildings were older, and built to less exacting standards.

Just a week ago, American engineers who investigated the aftermath of the Northridge quake warned that damage to modern buildings had been greater than anticipated. Steel-framed buildings that were supposed to have swayed had been broken by the quake.

Prediction is an even more inexact science. Faults can be monitored, but the process is slow, expensive, and usually unsuccessful. Dr David Booth of the global seismology research group at the British Geological Survey, says that only two earthquakes have been successfully predicted — in Haicheng, China in 1975, and Mexico in 1978 — but even there evidence was tenuous.

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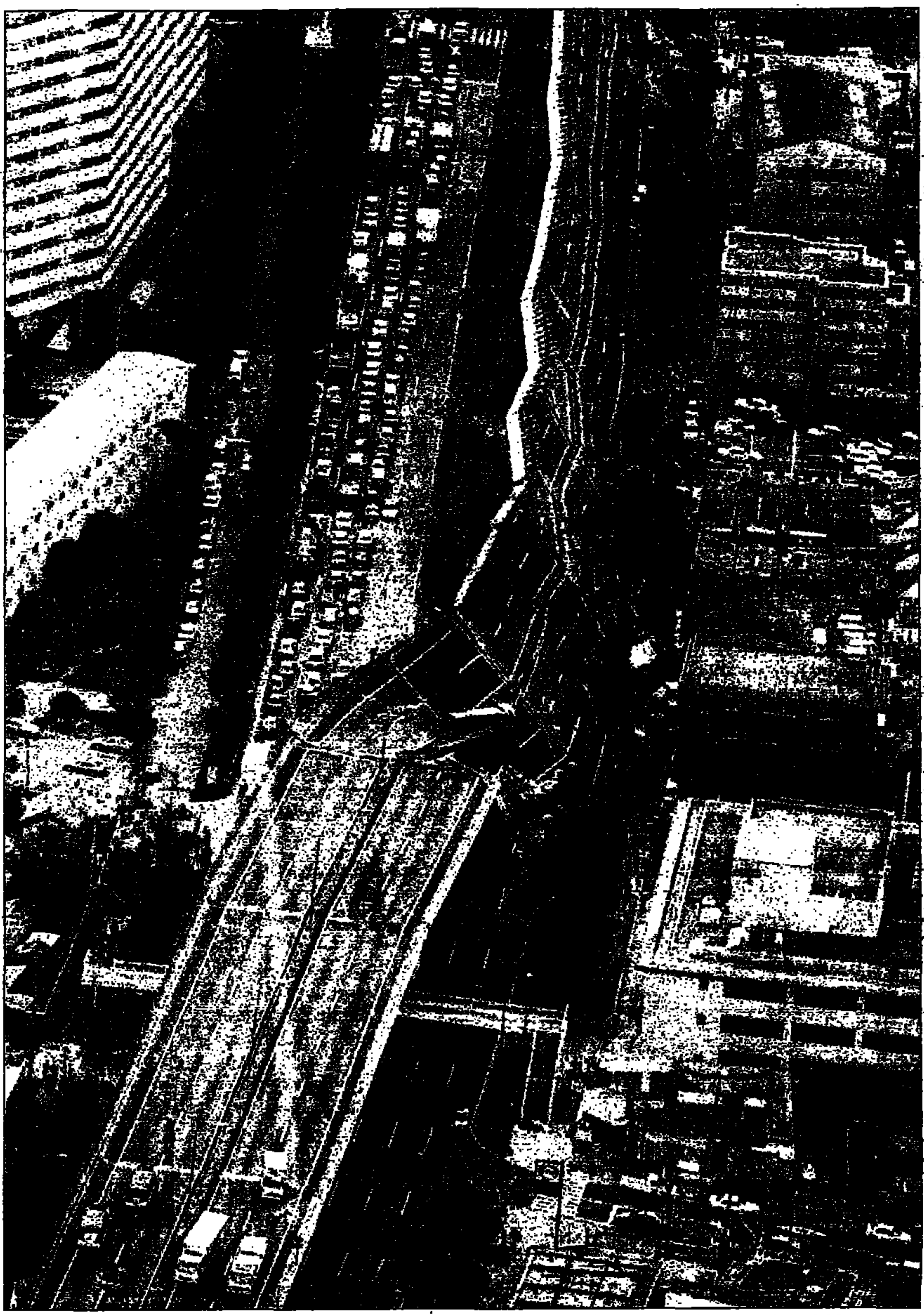
The scale used for measuring the magnitude of earthquakes was developed by the American seismologist, Charles Richter, above, in 1935.

Earthquakes vary hugely in size, so to create a manageable scale Richter used the logarithm (to base 10) of the maximum wave amplitude, measured in thousandths of a millimetre, on a standard seismograph 100 kilometres (62 miles) from the epicentre.

Each step on the Richter scale represents a ten-fold increase, so an earthquake of 8 is not twice as large as one of 4, but 10,000 times — ten times ten times ten times ten.



A section of the Hanshin Expressway, which runs between Osaka and Kobe, lies twisted and buckled at Nishinomiya after its flyover supports were destroyed in the earthquake that struck western Japan yesterday

Training fails to prevent panic and chaos

From Gwen Robinson in Tokyo

Earthquake awareness, like public order and respect for authority, is supposedly an integral part of life in Japan. From early childhood the Japanese are lectured by teachers, police and government officials about the dangers of earth tremors and how to respond to them.

Every school-age child knows all about the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, that killed about 140,000 people and destroyed more than 560,000 buildings in Tokyo and the adjacent port city of Yokohama. All Japanese schools are required to put pupils through emergency drills four times a year, twice for fire and twice more for earthquakes.

All of which is supposed to leave people with the rules firmly embedded in their minds: when tremors start, do not run outside, and do not use lifts. Crouch under a strong table or other protective surface, stay until the tremor stops, then grab your earthquake kit, which can contain almost anything.

PREPARATION

At the very least it should include a bucket (to put out fires), bottled water, emergency food, a radio, torch, first-aid kit and fireproof protective head gear. The kits can be bought in department stores for upwards of about 12,000 yen (£70). Local government offices usually advise people to compile their own kits, however. Some municipal offices even issue foreign residents with earthquake advice booklets.

Kit in hand, people are then advised to make for their local emergency evacuation meeting place, where local residents' disaster committees are supposed to take over.

Government offices and companies still widely observe the annual Disaster Prevention Day on September 1, the anniversary of the Kanto disaster. On this day, drills are held in local communities throughout the country. Department stores also organise earthquake-kit sales promotions at this time.

In spite of all the indoctrination, however, the earthquake which devastated the port city of Kobe and other parts of western Japan seems to have disproved the theory that the Japanese switch to auto-pilots after a quake. The scene in the hardest-hit areas, including Kobe and Awaji Island, was one of "total chaos", witnesses said.

They added that many people ran immediately from buildings and were hit by falling debris. Many other survivors were seen wandering the streets in affected areas while small fires went unchecked.

Government responses, including those by the police and local authorities, were confused and unco-ordinated, commentators said. Many rescue teams were *inadequately* equipped and slow to respond.

Fire and police authorities, admitted yesterday afternoon that they were unable to cope with the flood of calls for help. The lack of rescue staff and emergency vehicles aggravated the disaster in many areas.

Shuzo Kakitani, 57, of Kobe, was one of more than 60 survivors who complained that he spent the day helping in rescue operations and fighting fires because no emergency crews answered his area's calls for help.

Experts fear chain reaction of further seismic activity

By Gwen Robinson

SEISMIC experts have given a warning to Japan of a violent aftershock or a chain reaction of tremors in the aftermath of the earthquake that hit Kobe yesterday.

Yoshiaki Kawada, a professor at Tokyo University, and other seismologists from Japan's leading universities said that the earthquake signified a new phase in seismic activity in central and western Japan. Professor Kawada was among the experts who predicted at the new year, after a quake on December 28 in northern Japan killed three people and injured nearly 700, that a violent tremor might hit the western region this year.

The experts said an earthquake with a strength of 8 on the Richter scale could be caused by shifts in a tectonic plate beneath the waters surrounding the Philippines, to the south of Japan.

This week's quake registered 7.2 on the Richter scale and was the largest tremor to hit Japan since a quake one in 1948 caused widespread damage and killed about 3,800 people in the Fukui region on the central-northern coast.

Kioyo Mogi, chairman of a government-sponsored earthquake prediction centre in Tokyo, said the Kansai region around Kobe and western Japan had become active after a dormant period of nearly half a century.

Mr Mogi said there could be another big quake in the region soon and said his centre would conduct studies in the area. However, he added that it was more likely there would be another quiet period that could last decades.

Unlike the recent series of earthquakes, which occurred mainly in remote and sparsely populated areas of northern Japan, yesterday's was not caused by the clashing of tetonic plates way off shore, experts said. The quake is thought to have resulted from what seismologists called an "accumulation of energy" which forced upwards the plate beneath Kobe and the island of Awajishima near by.

"This quake caused no tidal waves because the epicentre was not offshore, but it was much, much bigger than anyone could have expected and we now think a very big one could occur in the region next. We have been saying for ten years that this region is a risk region and you can say it has now entered a very active phase," Professor Kawada said. "I am worried about the possibility of a chain reaction."

The series of at least five earthquakes that have struck northern Japan in the past few months is one example of the cyclical nature of seismic activity, according to Katsuhiko Ishibashi, a Construction Ministry seismologist. "A series of giant earthquakes is ticking like a clock and will strike the heart of Japan in a matter of years," Mr Ishibashi wrote in a book entitled *The Age of Great Upheavals*.

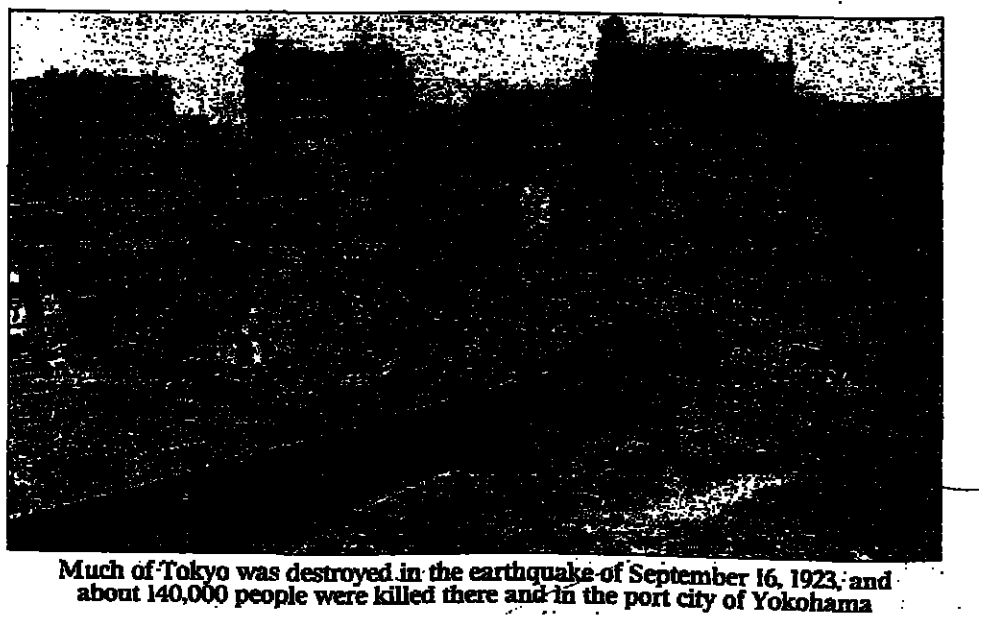
HISTORY

Mr Ishibashi uses detailed analysis of past quakes to advance his theory of earthquake cycles. Like other prominent Japanese seismologists, he has his pet ideas about earthquake prediction.

In his book, he goes back to the quake of 1853 when a powerful tremor hit Odawara, just west of Tokyo, killing 24 farmers and destroying historic Odawara Castle. The next year, another giant quake struck Shizuoka, southwest of Tokyo. That was followed in 1855 by another that left the Tokyo area with extensive damage and a death toll of more than 4,300. From then on, quakes continued to jolt the Tokyo area until the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake which killed about 140,000 people in Tokyo and the Yokohama near by.

Mr Ishibashi concludes that patterns can be drawn from a "chronological chain of destruction" which runs in regular cycles. Under his theory of 70-year cycles, he estimates that the next Odawara tremor will happen around 1998. It would then be followed by a string of quakes around the central Kanto area which would culminate in a giant quake similar to the 1923 Kanto quake, which was estimated to have a magnitude of 8.2 on the Richter scale.

Few prominent seismologists, however, have predicted that a quake is imminent in Tokyo. Rather than any doubt in its probability, this may have more to do with the prospect that a serious earthquake warning for Tokyo, with its population of nearly 12 million, could trigger a stampede and huge financial market sell-offs and runs on banks.



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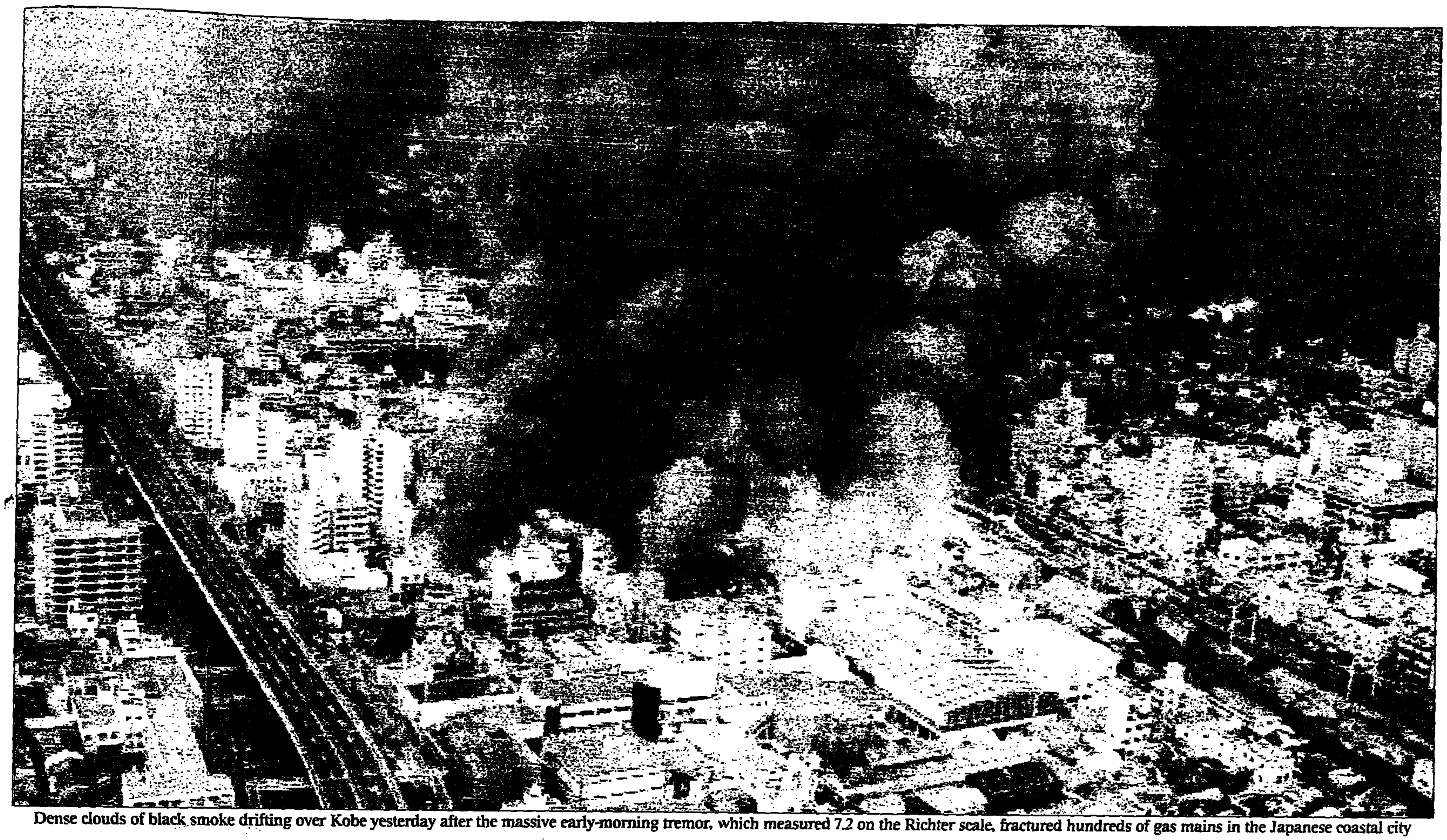
Desperate survivors try to fight raging house fires with buckets of sewer water



Dense clouds of black smoke drifting over Kobe yesterday after the massive early-morning tremor, which measured 7.2 on the Richter scale, fractured hundreds of gas mains in the Japanese coastal city

American lecturer helps to drag body from ruin

By Anjana Ahuja

AN AMERICAN who lectures in history at the Kobe Institute yesterday described how he and his British wife woke to a devastated city and helped a Kobe resident to drag the body of his son-in-law from his collapsed house.

Gregory Fremont-Barnes said: "The house had fallen like a drawbridge across the street into another house, which had also collapsed under its own weight. There was a man in his sixties standing on top of heap of rubble yelling 'please help me'.

"We came up and found his son-in-law dead in the rubble. We could only see his belly button at first but later saw that his right arm was severed.

"He was wedged between lumps of concrete and a television set. One side of his face was completely bloody and it was clear that he was dead. We moved him onto a sheet, then a mattress. It was quite difficult to do, because there were telephone lines strewn everywhere, nails sticking out of beams and twisted lumps of corrugated iron shutters that shopkeepers use. He was also very heavy for a Japanese man. We also noticed that people standing around were very reluctant to help out and touch the bodies. We had to leave the body in the street because there was nowhere else to put it.

"We then saw a leg sticking out of the rubble. It was cold. The person was dead but we couldn't tell if it was a man or a woman. The gaps in the rubble were very small and there was absolutely nothing else we could do.

RESCUE

"The house used to be three-storey but the floors had collapsed like dominoes. Then the father-in-law, who was clutching Judith [Dr Fremont-Barnes's wife] and crying, told us there had been seven people in the house, including neighbours.

"We then heard two voices. One was a man, but we were not sure whether the other one was a woman or a child. We told them we had summoned help but eventually one of the voices — the woman or child — stopped. We desperately needed a crane to get them out. We went around the corner and found a party of policemen doing absolutely nothing. We told them and we stayed for another two hours but we only saw one fire engine and one ambulance."

Dr Fremont-Barnes said his wife, also a lecturer, was very upset. He spoke of how his encounter with the anonymous weeping father-in-law ended.

"The man turned to Judith and asked for my business card, which is normal in Japan because everyone is known through their jobs. He said he would contact us and I knew he was trying to say thankyou. The strange thing is, he went around the corner and bought us some soft drinks. It was really bizarre. He said: 'I'm sorry, all I can give you is these,' and he handed us these boxed drinks. All the shops were either devastated or had people queuing round the block to get provisions, so it was an amazing gesture."

When the couple, who live in a college flat on Rokko mountain in the Nada district of Kobe, were woken by the quake, they did not realise the extent of the devastation that had swept the sleeping city below.

"We woke up and it was totally dark. We couldn't find our shoes. When we went outside we could see up to eight fires. We could see plumes of black smoke but we couldn't see anyone. We could tell there were no trains.

"We walked down the hill. But the nearer we got to the bay, the worse the damage was. It started off as the train tracks being broken but when we went further there was concrete everywhere. There were a lot of injured people walking around with blood on their faces. Some people only had a duvet. They didn't have time to put shoes on. "When we walked down the hill our intention wasn't to rescue people. We simply didn't realise there was total devastation," he said.

Tom Robb, an American who teaches English, and his wife Naoko were woken by the quake at their home near Kobe. "The house started to rock like we were on a boat. We looked at the clock and saw it was early in the morning and thought, what is this? Then the house shook like crazy. It felt like it was shaking for a long time," said Mrs Robb.

The couple's three-storey detached concrete house escaped damage but Mrs Robb said that, according to television reports, many wooden houses in Osaka had collapsed. Several aftershocks later rocked the city.

"No damage was done but we both got really scared. We have never experienced anything like this in our whole lives."

Mrs Robb said she was still awaiting news of her sister, who lives in the centre of Kobe.

"We saw on TV that the train station and supermarket next to her house had completely burnt down but we haven't been able to contact her. The trains aren't running because of derailments and the roads are jammed. People are being warned not to travel because there are huge cracks in the road and many buildings are about to fall down. We are just sitting and waiting," she said.

☐ **Los Angeles:** "People of Kobe: we sympathise" read a cardboard sign pinned to the *fence of the Northridge Meadows apartment complex, which collapsed killing 61 people exactly a year before the Japanese earthquake.*

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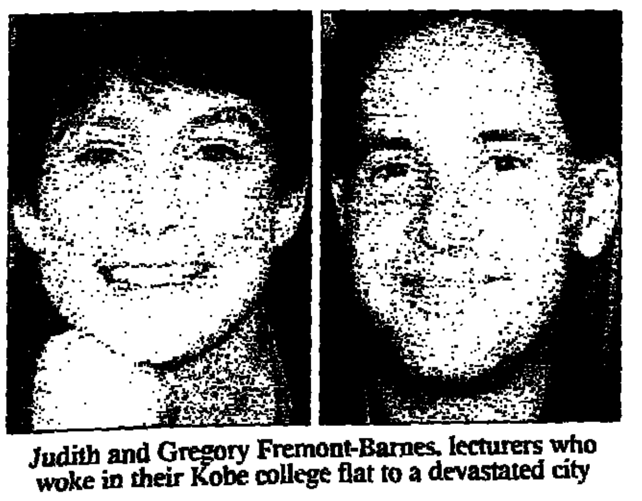
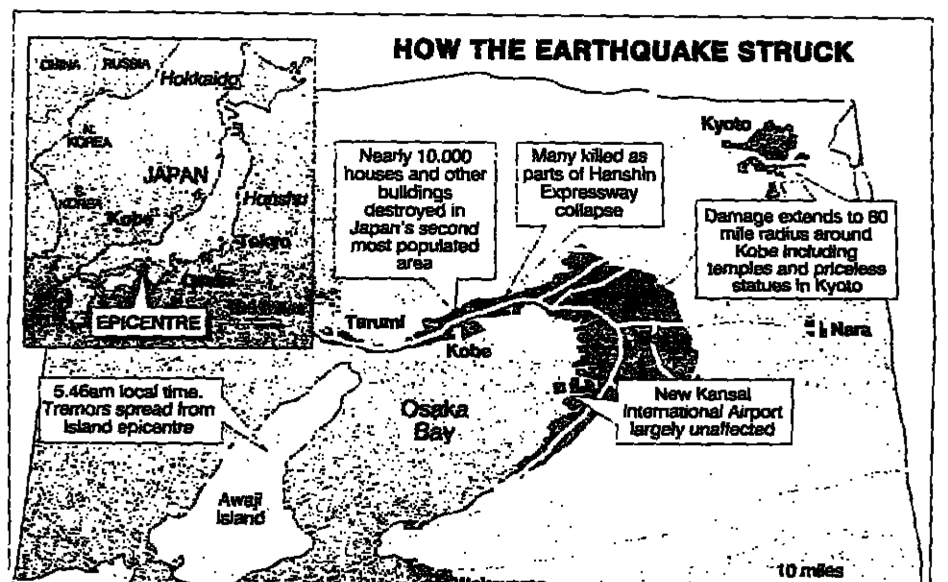


Judith and Gregory Fremont-Barnes, lecturers who woke in their Kobe college flat to a devastated city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Foreign Office sets up emergency phone line

By Catherine Milton and Michael Binyon

THE Japanese community in Britain spent yesterday trying to contact relatives and friends as they watched footage of the devastation on television.

The force of the quake has shocked the tightly knit community of about 70,000 people. As the telephone system was hampered by the earthquake and the demands made upon it, the Japanese Satellite Television service, which has been made available free to European viewers, was the main source of information for many anxious expatriates.

A spokesman for the service said: "We are the only Japanese satellite station in Europe. We felt that all the Japanese people in Europe should know what happened to their families living in Japan."

Soichi Nasu, Britain correspondent for Japan's *Yomiuri* daily newspaper, said: "People are stunned. We knew that some big quake was expected to hit Tokyo, but not Osaka and Kobe. People are also stunned by the enormous number of casualties. Many have been watching almost live coverage on satellite television."

BRITAIN

Hiroshi Mukai, deputy head teacher of the country's largest Japanese school in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, said: "We are all terribly shocked. Members of staff are contacting Japan at the moment for news. We have 25 pupils who come from the area of the earthquake. We know that three or four of their homes have been destroyed. So far all their relatives are safe."

Most of the Japanese living in Britain are employees of Japanese companies who have been posted abroad with their families. *Many of these people spent their working day trying to contact friends and relatives.*

Kensuke Andoh, deputy managing director of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, said: "Our head office and main workshop are in Kobe and we have several thousand people working there. Fortunately, the earthquake was very early in the morning so there were no personal injuries at Kobe works or at the head office. There was considerable damage, but we don't yet know how much."

The Foreign Office has set up an emergency phone number as well as a tape-recorded message, regularly updated, on the situation around Kobe. So far no British casualties have been reported.

All British and Japanese staff at the consulate-general in Osaka are safe, and are now trying to contact the 1,500 Britons living in the region. The Queen and John Major yesterday sent messages of condolence.

More than 200 people have already called the Foreign Office to ask about relatives. The number to ring is 071-839-5656. The number for recorded information on the situation is: 071-839-1010.

Disaster shatters illusion of safety

By Joe Joseph

JAPANESE people have watched television film of the Kobe devastation, together with footage of the recent earthquakes in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the way a 60-a-day smoker grimly watches a documentary on lung cancer.

They know the roulette risk of living, as they do, on a seismic crossroads. Apart from emigrating, however, there is little they can do except get used to the regular small tremors that rattle the crockery and make them wonder if their walls are going to hold up. While they cower under the dining table, they pray that the latest tremor will not turn into the sort of quake that triggers international Red Cross appeals.

REACTION

The Japanese, who revere orderliness and conformity, are particularly discomfited by the fact that they have no control over when havoc will be wrought. They pride themselves, however, on leading the world in construction technology that prevents buildings and bridges from crumpling like rice-paper. During the recent American quakes, Japanese experts said their architecture would withstand even a serious quake.

Now that Kobe has been turned into a tangle of twisted expressways, buckled buildings, fires and dazed pyjama-clad survivors, now that nature has shown it can outwit any structural engineer's stress calculations, *they feel more vulnerable to future threats and twice as terrified, like a family who return to their treble-locked home to find it has been burgled.*

"We used to believe that Japanese roads and houses were built well so what had happened in California would not happen here," Suminao Murakami, a Yokohama National University professor, said. "That was wrong."

The details of the great 1923 earthquake that razed Tokyo and killed 140,000 are as familiar to most Japanese as cherry blossom. Surveys find that 95 per cent of Tokyo residents are afraid of earthquakes. The Government has calculated that if a jolt the size of the 1923 quake hit Tokyo today, 150,000 would be killed and 200,000 injured. Something like 39 per cent of the buildings in greater Tokyo would also be destroyed.

Diligent Japanese do what they can to lengthen the odds of personal disaster. But Kobe has reminded them that they can never be ready enough.

Haven known as 'God's door' becomes ruined gateway to Hell

By Gwen Robinson

THE elegant city of Kobe was, until yesterday morning, known primarily for its colourful history as one of Japan's first international ports, and for its gracious old buildings and prized local products: Kobe beef — beer-fed and hand massaged.

For decades, visitors have flocked to the city's numerous restaurants and hotels to pay the equivalent of £60 and more for one of the world's costliest steaks.

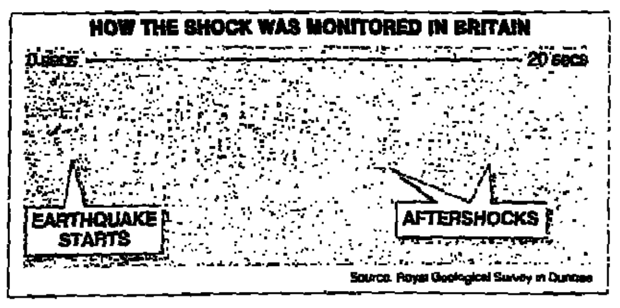
THE CITY

A stroll around Kobe's fashionable central area, with its chic boutiques and vibrant Chinatown, was another attraction that helped to transform the city into a popular tourist destination, as well as an important commercial centre ranking second only to Yokohama, near Tokyo, in total value of international trade.

It was the city's natural attractions, however, overlooking the sea and sheltered by mountains to the north, which may have inspired the naming of Kobe with Japanese characters meaning "God's door". By last night, 15 hours after the most powerful earthquake since 1948 hit central and western Japan, "Hell's door" may have been a more fitting description.

More than 70 fires raged throughout Kobe, casting an eerie glow over rescue workers digging bodies from the rubble of collapsed apartment buildings and office blocks.

Homeless families packed into makeshift refuges and public halls while other survivors, dazed and still wearing their pyjamas, wandered the streets.



Source: Royal Geological Survey in Dundee

As a port which prospered through early trade with China five centuries ago, Kobe boasts many ageing charms, including grand old mansions and prewar shrines, mostly made of wood. The earthquake, when it hit at dawn, turned such architectural splendours into a diabolical curse: clusters of old wooden buildings throughout the city collapsed under the powerful tremors and turned into deadly fire traps. More than 7,000 buildings of the 12,000 structures which were damaged or completely destroyed were in Kobe. About 60 per cent of those who died were in Kobe.

Most of the port city's deaths resulted from collapsing structures. Even the modern apartment and office blocks, the pride of the city's gleaming central area, toppled quickly. Scores of people were buried alive when a seven-storey municipal hospital collapsed.

Rescuers last night were still trying to free at least 24 people, including patients and nurses buried in the ruins.

One of the city's famed shrines, the main building at Ikuta, crashed to the ground, its curved roofs the only parts remaining.

An old man, stumbling through the streets, told Japanese television that he felt he was back in a Second World War air raid. Kobe, however, has never suffered extensive damage from wars or natural disasters and ironically, even benefited from the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923, which killed around 140,000 people in Tokyo and Yokohama.

Many foreign traders living in Yokohama at the time relocated their operations to Kobe and settled down, like many of the city's 1.5 million residents, in the belief that their prosperous enclave would remain safe from natural disasters.

Few ever worried that their city would be at the epicentre of one of the worst earthquakes to hit Japan.

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Commission's new leader vows to end opt-out of social chapter

Santer agenda for federal Europe challenges Major

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN STRASBOURG

JACQUES SANTER, the incoming President of the European Commission, threw down the federalist gauntlet to *Britain yesterday when he* revealed his agenda for "the great challenge of European unification".

In a shrewdly judged speech to the European Parliament designed to elicit its formal approval of the new Commis*sion in its vote today*, Mr Santer was at pains to dispel any lingering impression that he might share John Major's *approach to Europe. He may* owe his appointment to Mr Major's decision last year to block the Belgian candidate *for the commission presiden*cy, but he was careful to distance himself from the Prime Minister.

Outlining the Commission's probable agenda for the 1996 conference on the Treaty of Maastricht, Mr Santer suggested *that inter-governmen*tal decision-making on immigration and cross-border crime should be put under *traditional European Union* control, that the European Parliament might elect the next Commission President and that it might wield a veto over future changes to the treaty.

Without mentioning Britain by name, he served notice that the Commission will try to end *the British opt-out* from the social chapter of the treaty in 1996. None of these proposals is likely to be acceptable to *Tory Euro-sceptics.*

Putting himself on a collision course with British ministers and MPs who have been *urging Mr Major to press for* a reduction in Brussels's powers, Mr Santer said that "Europe needs a strong Com*mission with a strong Parlia*ment to defend the common interest ... This Commission will be political in the finest *sense of the term: it will serve* the common good."

Mr Santer was flanked by his 19 fellow commissioners, *including Neil Kinnock, one of* the newcomers. The commissioners, he said, were "determined to keep the Union's *institutions strong*".

In a speech which was markedly more confident than his first defensive appearance before the Parliament last summer, Mr Santer called for a "reaffirmation of our shared values and the noble objec*tives that underlie European* integration", and added: "We must show more fighting spirit and reject the attacks of those who would seek to solve tomorrow's problems with yesterday's tired, old formulas. We should not shy away from opposing those who claim to be good Europeans *but spend all their time con*demning the Community model."

British officials claimed to *like Mr Santer's speech for its* emphasis on subsidiarity. They also liked the new President's slogan of "less action, *but better action". Mr Santer* laid emphasis on British concerns over fraud.

He offered MEPs a series of *small, largely cosmetic, ad*justments to the duties of his commissioners which appear to have defused the Parlia*ment's threat to derail the* Commission by vetoing its composition before it had even taken office. Mr Santer him*self will replace Padraig* Flynn, the Irish Commissioner, as chairman of a committee on equal opportunities.

By doing so, he has solved most of his problems with the Parliament. Besides his broad duties, he is now personally *answerable to MEPs for EU* foreign policy, monetary union, constitutional reform, human rights and equal op*portunities.*

Jacques Santer, President-designate of the European Commission, addresses MEPs in Strasbourg yesterday

Last night leaders of the Parliament's two largest blocs, the Socialists and the Christian Democrats, *advised their* members to vote in favour of the Commission today. The vote, which a week ago looked as if it could go against the Commission now seems certain to go Mr Santer's way.

President Mitterrand, weakened by cancer and who leaves office in May, *also* addressed the Parliament yesterday, treating members to a vintage farewell speech.

He recalled that he had been born during the First World War and had lived through the Second: members of his family had been "torn apart, *crying for their dead", he said,* adding: "My generation is now reaching the end of its time here. We must therefore pass the powers on to the future generation. We must pass on ... a more radiant future based on reconciliation and peace". If European inte*gration did not succeed,* "one rule will take us all over: nationalism and war. War is not just a thing of the past. It could also be a thing of the future. It is you ... who are now the guardians of our peace."

☐ **London:** Mr Major re*buffed the call by Mr Santer* for Britain's opt-out from the social chapter to be removed. He told the Commons that the "high tide of federalism in Europe" had passed.

Balladur gets ready to start race for presidency

Balladur: common touch is not his style

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE'S presidential race is expected to open in earnest today with the declaration by Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and firm favourite, that he is offering to lead France into the next century.

M Balladur's long-awaited announcement of his candidature, heralded over the past week with an overture of endorsements by key ministers, will end the pretence that his mind is on higher matters than campaigning for the spring vote. Last night the Prime Minister's aides were keeping up the suspense over his timing, but fellow Gaullists said he would declare after telling President Mitterrand at today's weekly cabinet meeting.

M Balladur, 65, has the task of preserving his strong lead in a race that is marked by the absence of plausible opponents. His victory in the second round on May 7 would put France under the leadership of a conservative technocrat whose experience of electoral office is as remarkable for its brevity as François Mitterrand's for its length.

An upper class civil servant with less of the common touch than any president for decades, M Balladur stood for his first election only in 1986, when he was elected to parliament for a Paris constituency. According to the pollsters, he owes his standing not so much to personal popularity as to his aura of a competent, reassuring leader at a time when France feels disoriented by rapid change.

His nearest rival in the first bout of the two-round elections on April 23 is Jacques Chirac, 62, the Gaullist leader who sent him to the premiership as a caretaker in 1993 and now regards him as a Judas. After a campaign that has failed to ignite, M Chirac, according to the polls, would win only 42 per cent of the vote in a two-way run-off with M Balladur.

M Chirac is struggling to depict himself as the agent of radical change. His camp is pointing out the fickleness of the French electorate and clutching at polls that show M Balladur's support to be fragile. They recall that until his withdrawal two months ago, Jacques Delors, the Socialist, was favourite and they note that 40 per cent of the public say they could change their minds before the elections.

The Socialist Party, a pale shadow of the powerful machine President Mitterrand led to power in 1981, is to pick a candidate on February 5. Henri Emmanuelli, the party leader, is expected to offer himself for the job today in an attempt to block Lionel Jospin, a former leader and rival in the feuding party.

Polish agents rescued CIA men in Iraq

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IN A *daring*, clandestine adventure worthy of a John Le Carré novel, Polish intelligence agents who had spent their careers serving the Warsaw Pact saved the lives of six American counterparts trapped in Iraq during the Gulf War, it was revealed yesterday.

The Poles not only spirited the Americans out of President Saddam Hussein's clutches, *The Washington Post* disclosed in a full-page article, they smuggled 15 other foreigners out of Iraq, most of them British, in two similiar operations.

"It was high risk," said William Webster, the former CIA director who later travelled to Warsaw to thank the Polish Government.

The Poles' courageous action helped to forge a strong new relationship between the US and Poland, which had rid itself of communism only a year earlier. President Bush secured international agreement to write off half Poland's $33 billion (£21 billion) foreign debt, though the Poles remain disappointed that they have not yet been admitted to Nato.

The US *agents*, representing the CIA and military intelligence, ran into trouble on August 2, 1990, when *Saddam launched his inva*sion of Kuwait. They were on the Iraq-Kuwait border, covertly studying the Iraqi troop build-up. Unable to return to Kuwait City, they made for Baghdad along with hundreds of other foreigners.

They spent weeks on the run as the Administration desperately searched for ways of rescuing them. "They were the most sensitive people there," a US official told the *Post.*

Washington reportedly turned to Poland, which had hundreds of citizens working in Iraq on construction projects, after the British and French intelligence services rejected appeals for help because they were busy extracting their own agents.

Saddam: "Gulf War *alliance crumbling*"

A team of Polish officers finally entered Iraq, led by a man who had spent 20 years battling the CIA as a Warsaw Pact spy. They found the Americans in "bad shape ... worn out" and gave them East European passports.

At dawn one day, the Americans climbed into cars and, posing as Polish workers but unable even to pronounce their assumed names, passed safely into Turkey.

☐ Nicosia: As Iraq marked the fourth anniversary of the start of the Gulf War yesterday, Saddam Hussein claimed that the American-led coalition that drove his forces from Kuwait was crumbling (Michael Theodoulou writes).

"The number of enemies is decreasing and these enemies have become desperate or near desperate," Saddam said on televsion.

Berlusconi threatens to scupper Dini's Cabinet

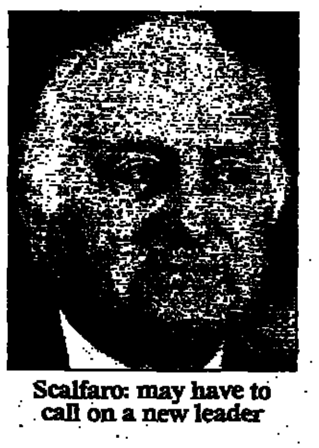
FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

*LAMBERTO DINI, the Ital*ian Prime Minister-designate, presented a Cabinet composed largely of technical experts and academics yesterday, but it was in danger being stillborn because of opposition from Silvio Berlusconi and his neo-Fascist allies.

Signor Dini, 63, the outgoing Treasury Minister in Signor Berlusconi's Cabinet, went to the Quirinal Palace and unveiled his ministry to President Scalfaro who was to swear in the Cabinet last night.

Susanna Agnelli, sister of Gianni Agnelli, the Fiat tycoon, was named Foreign Minister, and General Domenico Corcione, the former armed forces Chief-of-Staff, was named Defence Minister. Antonio Brancaccio, a judge from the Court of Cassation, Italy's supreme court, was made Interior Minister and Filippo Mancuso, a former Chief Procurator in Rome was named Justice Minister. Signor Dini retained the Treasury portfolio.

But Clemente Mastella, the Labour Minister in the outgo*ing Government said Signor* Berlusconi and his allies would not support the technocratic Government when it faces confidence votes in the two houses of parliament before it can begin business as Italy's 54th postwar administration. This was because Signor Dini had refused to include in his proposed team three ministers from the Berlusconi Cabinet who were technical experts, Signor Mastella said. Signor Berlus*coni evidently hopes to sabo*tage Signor Dini's administration to try to force an early general election.



Scalfaro: may have to call on a new leader

Signor Dini said he had adhered rigidly to his mandate from the President to form a Government composed of non-party figures. He said he hoped that Signor Berlusconi would support him in parliament since the outgoing Prime Minister had suggested him as a successor.

If, as seems likely, Signor Berlusconi carries out his threat not to vote for Signor Dini, he will have to seek support from the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, the centrist Italian Popular Party and the Northern League, which forced Signor Berlusconi to resign on December 22 by withdrawing support for his coalition when he was placed under investigation for alleged corruption.

There was speculation that Signor Scalfaro might ask Francesco Cossiga, the former President, to try and form a Government if Signor Dini's Cabinet does not win a vote of confidence in parliament.

Violinist loses leg as train traps case

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

RACHEL BARTON, 20, an internationally acclaimed vio*linist from Illinois, has lost* one of her legs after being dragged several hundred yards under a commuter train when her instrument case was trapped in the doors.

The wheels severed Miss Barton's left leg below the knee and seriously damaged her other one. Doctors at Evanston Hospital in Illinois yesterday described her condition as stable.

The musician, youngest winner of the J.S. Bach International Violin Competition in Leipzig, was apparently unable to let go of her case when the doors closed as she was embarking. A bystander, hearing her screams, alerted a railway guard who finally stopped the train. Miss Barton *was a member of the Civic* Orchestra of Chicago from 1986 to 1992 and had been the orchestra's concertmaster for three years.

A violinist since the age of eight, she has played for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera. She is currently a teacher at the Music Centre of the North Shore in Winnetka, where the accident happened.

Miss Barton is the only American winner of the Queen Elizabeth of Belgium prize. It is thought her hands were not damaged in the accident and that she will be able to continue to play the violin.

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Clinton picks fight with Gingrich over US youth service

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton has picked his first public fight with Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker.

Seeking to highlight the deep differences between them, Mr Clinton has attacked Mr Gingrich's opposition to the national service programme which the White House began last year. It is an issue on which Mr Clinton believes he has public support and the moral high ground.

At the weekend, Mr Gingrich dismissed the $500 million (£318 million) AmeriCorps programme as "coerced voluntarism" and "gimmickry", and said he was "unequivocally opposed" to national service. The implication was that the Republican Congress would end its funding.

Speaking in Colorado, Mr Clinton called the programme "the achievement I could say I was most proud of". It epitomised the New Democrat theme on which he had so successfully campaigned in 1992: that Americans should give as well as take, and had responsibilities as well as rights.

Like Mr Gingrich, Mr Clinton said he wanted to reduce federal bureaucracy. Unlike the Republicans, his aim was "not to wreck the Government, not to give us a mean-spirited Government. It is to give us a lean Government that will help us to work together to solve problems."

Mr Clinton's attack provided the first evidence of the new White House strategy of "contrast politics", whereby the President will pick fights with the new Congress only on issues where he can portray the Republicans as extreme and menacing and himself as moderate and benign.

The White House pounced on Mr Gingrich's comments with a speed not seen since the 1992 campaign. It ensured that there were many AmeriCorps volunteers in Mr Clinton's audience and, as the President was speaking, Eli Segal, the programme's director, held a press conference at the White House. He lauded the initiative as a non-bureaucratic effort that "enables young people to give a hand to their communities, get a hand paying for college and show all of us what's best in America".

Known as the "domestic Peace Corps", the expanding programme has 20,000 young Americans working in about 350 community projects in return for nearly $4,725 a year for college fees or job training. Mr Segal invited Mr Gingrich to visit a project, saying "we obviously have some education work to do" with him.

A spokesman for Mr Gingrich defended the Speaker's opposition, saying the programme spends a lot of money for few benefits and calling it "an employment programme, not national service".

A boy painted with a traditional design leans on an axe during the Pope's Mass, attended by about 8,000 people in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, yesterday

Pope beatifies missionary killed by lethal injection

By Our Foreign Staff

THE Pope blessed the bones of a Roman Catholic martyr at an outdoor Mass in Papua New Guinea yesterday, after the arrest of an armed man in Port Moresby, the capital.

Philip Taku, the Papua New Guinea's Assistant Police Commissioner, said that a Filipino who was detained after trying to enter Sir John Guise Stadium for the Mass with a loaded pistol had a permit to carry the weapon and was released after questioning.

During the Mass, the Pope beatified Peter ToRot, a lay missionary who was killed by lethal injection in 1945 by a Japanese military doctor.

Beatification, the last step before possible sainthood, is part of the Pope's programme to give local models to Roman Catholic communities, especially where they are minorities. Nearly a third of the 3.9 million people in Papua New Guinea are Catholics.

In the Philippines, a senior security officer said yesterday that police were searching for Abdul Basid Mahmood Abdul Ramin, 26, the alleged leader of a group believed to be involved in a plot to kill the Pope during his visit, which ended on Monday.

The police officer said that the man was also wanted by the American authorities over the World Trade Center bomb, which killed six people and injured more than 1,000 in New York in February 1993.

Police uncovered the alleged plot against the pontiff when they raided a Manila flat on January 6, arrested at least two foreigners alleged to be members of the group and seized maps of the routes the Pope was to take during his tour of the city.

Tomorrow, the Pope leaves for Australia and Sri Lanka, the last stops on his 11-day tour. The highlight will be the special Mass he is to say in Sydney to celebrate the beatification of Mother Mary MacKillop, the 19th-century feminist hero and Australia's first candidate for sainthood.

Woman in drowning case faces execution

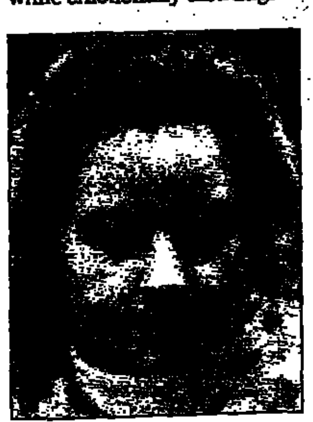
From James Bone
in New York

PROSECUTORS are to seek the death penalty for the South Carolina woman accused of drowning her two young sons after she blamed a fictional black car thief for the crime.

Spurred by the wishes of the mourning father, prosecutors are demanding that Susan Smith should be sentenced to the electric chair if she is convicted of running her car into a local lake with her infant sons inside.

The last woman to be executed in America received a lethal injection in neighbouring North Carolina in 1984 after confessing to poisoning her fiancé, her mother and two elderly friends with arsenic.

Mrs Smith, 23, told the police initially that a black man had taken her car and driven off with her sons, Michael, three, and Alex, 14 months. She and her husband attracted national attention with impassioned pleas for the children's return. She was said later, however, to have confessed to killing them while emotionally distraught.



Smith: pleaded for the return of her sons

New drug offers hope for alcoholics

By James Bone

DRINKERS in America raised their glasses yesterday to toast the release, the first in four decades, of a new drug to treat alcoholism.

"This is the beginning of a new era ... in alcoholism treatment," Dr Enoch Gordis, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said.

The announcement that the American Government had approved a drug known generically as naltrexone for the treatment of alcoholism was made by the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Corporation. The drug was previously approved only for the treatment of heroin addiction. It is an opioid antagonist that blocks the effects of alcohol on neurotransmitters in the brain and stops the patient craving for alcohol or getting high on it. Studies show the drug could cut the relapse rate for reformed alcoholics by up to 50 per cent, but it is not considered a cure.

The drug is at present available in Europe only for opiate addiction and is not approved for use against alcoholism. A company official said it could not promote the drug as an anti-alcohol treatment in Europe until it wins approval for that use. Doctors, however, were free to prescribe it to their patients, the spokesman said.

Until now, the only approved drug for use in cases of alcoholism in America has been Antabuse, introduced in 1948, which induces nausea in people who drink alcohol. The new drug will be marketed in America as Revia. It will reportedly carry a warning about the risks of liver damage.

Singapore imposes fines on Tribune

From Christopher Thomas in Singapore

SINGAPORE'S High Court yesterday found the *International Herald Tribune* guilty of contempt of court for publishing an article implying that the judiciary was "compliant" to government pressure to suppress political activity.

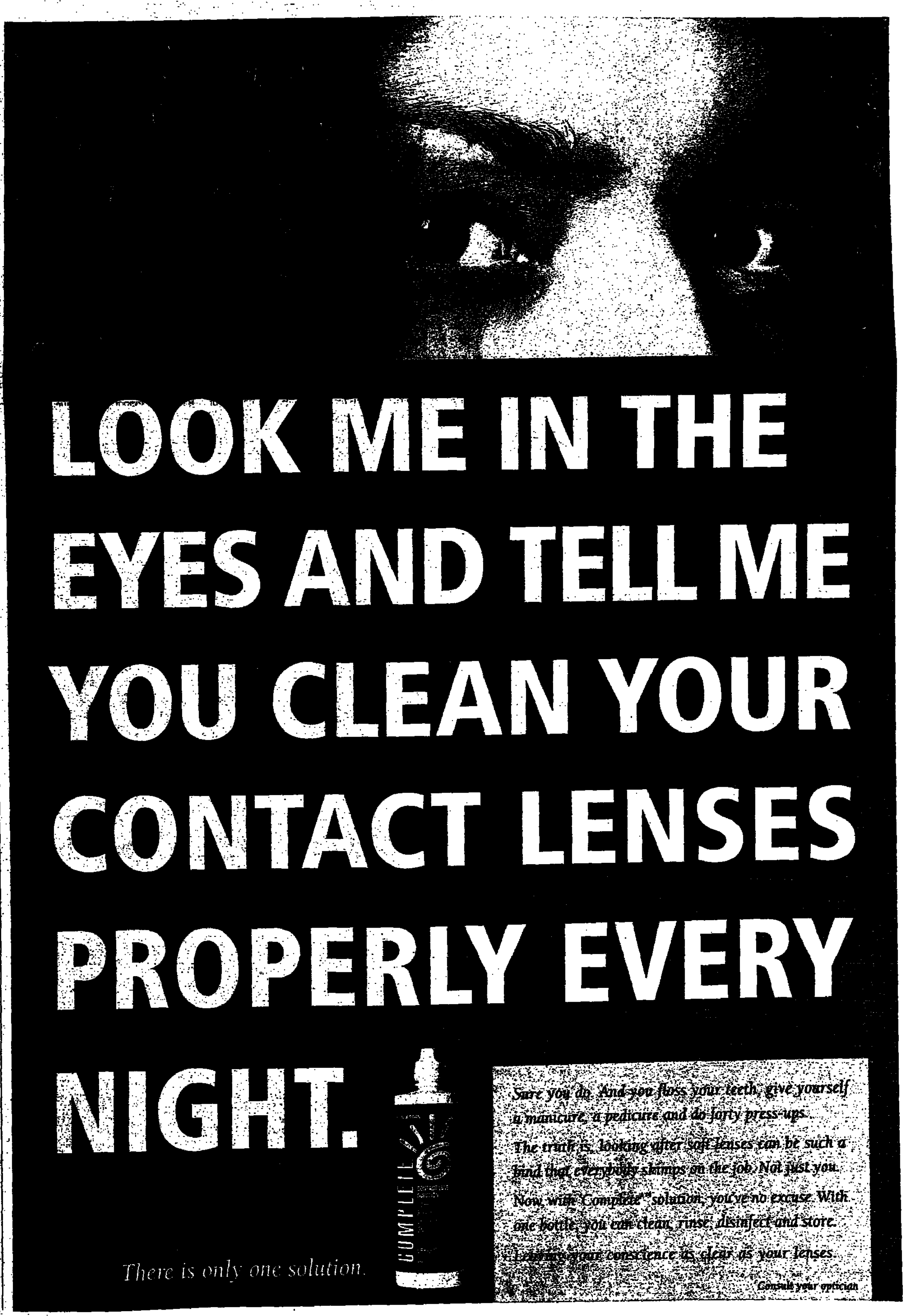
The case highlights the acute sensitivity of the Government to criticism, and demonstrates its determination to deal firmly with foreign newspapers and magazines that offend it. Many international publications have fallen foul of the authorities and several have had their local circulations capped in reprisal.

Christopher Lingle, an American academic who wrote the offending article last October, was fined S$10,000 (£4,545). Richard McClean, publisher and chief executive of the *Tribune*, was fined S$5,000, and Michael Richardson, the Singapore-based Asia Editor, who edited the article before sending it to the Paris head office, was fined S$2,500. The local publisher and printer were each fined S$1,500.

"I have no doubt, on reading this article," Justice Goh Joon Seng said, "that the passage complained of referred to, and was intended to refer to, the Singapore judiciary." He allowed 14 days for the fines to be paid.

Mr. McClean, reading a statement outside the court afterwards, said the *Tribune* had a tradition of providing a forum for opinion pieces from outside contributors. Mr Lingle's article had, he said, contained a reference to techniques used by unspecified Asian regimes to suppress political opposition. "The court has found that part of the criticism could be taken to refer to Singapore and that, so taken, it attacks the integrity of the Singapore judiciary: something the paper never meant to do."

Chan Sek Keong, the Attorney-General, said a reasonable man would come to the conclusion that a sentence in the article referring to a "compliant judiciary" was intended to refer to Singapore. Mr Lingle left for the United States soon after being interviewed by police about the article and resigned from his job as senior fellow in European studies at the National University of Singapore. He refused to return to answer the charges, saying he was heeding the advice of American government officials.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When your husband wants to move to a 60-acre organic farm, prepare yourself for a smelly learning curve that has to be shared

Some cold comfort for Mrs Dimbleby

LIBBY PURVES

The fifth decade plays strange tricks on men. Some take to politics, some to bimbos: some merely adopt unsettling leisurewear. A growing number, however, turn into organic farmers. Beneath many a pinstripe suit there lurks the soul of a *Reuben* Starkadder, bound to the soil in dumb, loamy devotion.

Reader, I married one. Moreover, I keep meeting others, as disciples come to sit at his feet and learn everything he knows about turnip-blight, dagging, wobbly calves and how to make real farmers stop laughing at you. They are all at it: redundant merchant bankers, chaps back from the Emirates with a nest-egg, disgruntled advertising men. Yesterday it became known that Jonathan Dimbleby and his wife Bel Mooney have bought a 60-acre farm. Mr Dimbleby will broadcast for half the week, and farm the other half. Ms Mooney says: "This will enable us to fulfil his dream of a small organic farm with Hereford cows and Welsh sheep." Note the possessive pronoun: she is wisely not pretending it is HER dream.

Still, she is in for it now: and as a similarly placed farmwife these five years, I feel bound to offer the elegant Ms Mooney some cold comfort. A farm is a job lying all around you, all day long: it may be his dream, but it is your environment. It is not like broadcasting, where a wife need never meet the quarrelsome riff-raff on *Any Questions*; nor like royal biography, in which subjects and sources at least refrain from escaping their pens and grubbing up your front lawn. A farm is always with you. So — except when you need him — is the farmer.

I assume you already know how terrible he will smell. Men who take to farming late are not the type to stand back and let some hireling get covered in dung. They wade in. They shove their arm up things. Then they come back into the kitchen (leaving all the doors open *because their own* circulation is so thoroughly braced) and lean on the Aga, steaming. No point hoping he'll stick to cows and sheep, either: real men cannot resist the ultimate challenge of pigs. Even after a bath, there is always something a bit organic about a hands-on farmer. Talking of which, the hand he will offer to your literary and artistic dinner guests after a day putting tar on the sheeps' feet, will cause the more sensitive to rear back in alarm.

Do not think you can escape to your study. Mid-life farming is an intense emotional experience, a heartbreakingly steep learning curve which must be shared. You, Bel, author of sensitive and thoughtful novels, will find your flow rudely interrupted by the jolly *farmer bursting in with the* latest disaster. Rooks on the corn, fly-strike on the sheep, a revolution in the Rare Breed Society committee, or just a weather forecast. All farmers watch the weather forecast four times a day with a terrible, bitter concentration, convinced that God is out to get them.

Sympathy is not enough. *Sometimes he will switch off* your CD of Gregorian chant and drag you from your desk to assist him in pouring cooking-oil down the throat of a fat, greasy, bloated ewe. It will then belch, hit you in the face with its filthy hoof, and wee over your Jaeger trousers. He will be pleased it feels better. Sometimes he will tell you to hold on to a stroppy ram while he moves the rest of the flock, and forget about you for an *hour. Sometimes he will send you on* obscure errands to welding-shops with oily pieces of tractor. They will laugh at you. They will not have read any of your books. You will feel, obscurely, that you have lost the moral high ground.

Farming, unlike broadcasting, does not lend itself to regular predictable hours. Nor is a farmhouse any kind of refuge. I hate to break this to you, but you no longer have a home. You live in the farm office. While he is away frightening politicians with his calloused, grimy new handshake you will be opening the door to huge men in flat hats who park their lorries on your drive with the engine running and say things like "Eighty-four ton of calcified seaweed — where do he want that puttin?". You will not know. You will not dare tell him to take it away, since small organic farmers spend half their life searching for sources of permitted fertilizer.

Nor will you do much better with other doorstep overtures such as "Where's the straw then, the straw I got to pick up for *Mr Grobblin?" or "Trading* Standards Officer — you advertise your pork as free-range, can you offer me evidence that the pigs are in fact ranging?". You will occasionally surprise yourself: when the inevitable moment comes that you raise your head from a literary deadline to find yourself alone in the house with a rambler on the doorstep saying "Ooh, did you know your sheep are all over the lane?", you might find yourself out there *subduing the woolly bastards by sheer* force of your fury.

But do you want to know the worst thing, Bel? Your friends will come and stay, and instead of telling you interesting London gossip, will sycophantically ask him about his fodder-beet and say what a marvellous, idyllic, Good Life you have. Then they will go back to London, without you. Good luck.

A quake that rocked a nation

Murray Sayle, in Tokyo, describes the day that an unthinkable calamity finally happened

Flashback to the faces of human disaster: after the earthquake of 1927, the women of Osaka carry buckets of washing water from the sea back to their devastated city

Driving into Tokyo bright and early this morning, with my car radio reporting the steadily escalating death toll in Kobe and Osaka — 200, 400, 800, 1,100 — my first thought was, I'm afraid, a selfish one: when will Tokyo be next? And what an unthinkable disaster that one will be.

Kobe is a fair-sized city, with two million people in its immediate area. Osaka a lot bigger, with close to five million in its region. There are 28 million people in Tokyo and the four adjoining provinces. Tokyo lies in one of the planet's most active earthquake zones, but it has no more preparations for calamity than Kobe and Osaka had. And, as the Japanese often say, *shikata ga nai — that's the* way things are, it can't be helped.

This gloomy thought gave me an immediate choice to make. Tokyo has more than 100 miles of elevated motorways, all over the city. In some places, the roads are stacked three and four lanes high. The system was jerry-built in the 1950s, to stop Tokyo's traffic seizing up solid.

On a normal morning the rusty steel trestles that carry the elevated roads rattle and sway, with only the passing traffic. In Kobe and Osaka, the much more modern elevated roads, supposed to be completely earthquake-proof, col*lapsed. If that happened in* Tokyo, would we be better off on an elevated road that might collapse under us, or on the roadway underneath, when it might fall down on our heads? (People were killed both ways in Osaka.)

I had an appointment in Tokyo — to see Crown Prince Naruhito *and his new* wife, Princes Masako, as it happened — so I took the high road, which is normally faster. A lot of other drivers had the same idea, because the elevated motorway was jammed. It didn't matter, anyway, because the meeting was cancelled. The prince and princess had, I am sure, *more urgent* things to do than talk to foreign journalists.

So I watched the television in the palace press room instead, which led to further, and even gloomier meditation. Even with a pacifist Emperor, a socialist Prime Minister and an internationally-minded Crown Prince, Japan is still paying a heavy price for that disastrous lost war, now almost 50 years ago.

This thought emerged from the reports from the stricken cities. At first light, neither Kobe nor Osaka looked too bad. There were scattered columns of smoke, a lot of wreckage in the streets — and a strange lack of fire engines — but the damage looked containable, by quick action. By nightfall, under a brilliant full moon, fires were raging uncontrolled through the centre of Kobe. The entrance roads to the city were blocked by wreckage and collapsed overhead motorways. A million homes were without electricity.

It was clear from the news reports that neighbours were helping neighbours, in the Japanese way, but overall no one was in charge, no one had a plan of action. The reasons for this go back to the lost war, and the American occupation that followed, and even further back to Japan's ancient coexistence with the untamed forces of nature.

Raised out of the Pacific Ocean by earthquakes and volcanoes, Japan has been having earth tremors, typhoons and volcanic eruptions for as long as records have been kept, and long before that. Surely, then, the country has a permanent disaster committee, a national organisation ready to bring the help that will inevitably be needed? Co-ordinated police, army, fire brigades? The Japanese, of all people, should be the world's earthquake experts. How can such experienced folk be caught napping?

But they were, and will be again. Before the defeat of 1945, Japan's Home Affairs Ministry controlled the national police, and a branch of the same ministry used to vet all national public works contracts, on the lookout for bribery and shoddy workmanship. General MacArthur's men, seeing an instrument of dictatorship, disbanded the ministry. Japan has no national police force, and so no mobile police able to keep order in a shattered city. There is no national fire service, and thus no permanent arrangements to bring firemen from unaffected provinces into a disaster area.

The construction industry, freed from the former police supervision, is riddled with corruption, and Japanese public works are notorious for free-for-all jerry-building. There is no Defence Minister, no professional commander-in-chief (the Prime Minister is the figurehead C-in-C), no permanent arrangements for the armed forces (which are not supposed to exist, and so keep a low profile) to send ships, troops and aircraft to a stricken province.

All of this chaos was deliberately set up by the Occupation, with the worthy aim of preventing the rise of another military dictatorship, and most Japanese accept that their American Shogun's intentions were good. But one predictable result, which no one ever seems to predict, we saw yesterday: when a typhoon or an earthquake strikes, a volcano erupts, or when the major rivers flood, as they often do, every province, city and town is on its own, everyone has to do the best they can with their own resources.

So, as I drove home with the death toll in Kobe and Osaka steadily escalating on my car radio, I thought: what would I do, if the same size of earthquake struck Tokyo *now*, as one day it must? How would nearly 30 million people get out of the city? They wouldn't. Who would fight the fires in the scores of oil storage tanks lining Tokyo Bay? No one. How could I even get off this motorway? Where are the emergency exits? There are none.

Around the Tokyo plain, we get small tremors regularly, sometimes two or three a week. Cups rattle, the house shakes, dogs howl. Next morning the neighbours ask: "Did you feel it?" Conversely, there have been no tremors in the Kobe or Osaka areas for decades. This ought to have made their residents suspicious, but, as the years went by, and nothing happened, there was always more pressing business to attend to. As my neighbours say: "They're just not earthquake-minded down there." And, I suppose, neither are we, up here.

As they have so many times before, the people of Kobe and Osaka, being Japanese, will bury their dead, clear the ruins, and start all over again. It would be comforting to predict that this disaster will lead to some national soul-searching, to the setting-up of a nation-wide crisis organisation, mobile relief squads, a plan for defending Tokyo against the natural calamity that must one day strike.

There will be talk of these things, to be sure, in the next few days, but when it comes to doing something, to action that would certainly cost a lot of money, then *shikata ga nai*. Perhaps, with the wisdom of centuries, this is the only way to live in an earthquake zone. Or maybe I'm thinking like a Japanese.

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Next, a degree for the serious train spotter

Railways have always had their fanatical supporters — but never attracted serious academic study. Now all that is to change, says **Michael Binyon**

RAILWAYS began in Britain. They opened up the country and made it rich. They were the network that held the empire together. Arguably, railways were the single most revolutionary invention in industrial history. Yet for 150 years they have been neglected by historians and ignored by universities.

Now, belatedly and at a time when railways themselves seem in danger of passing into history, they are to be the focus of academic rigour. York University, in conjunction with the National Railway Museum, has just appointed the first Professor of Railway Studies, Colin Divall, who is now settling in as head of the Institute of Railway Studies, and is drawing up plans for diploma and postgraduate degrees in the history, sociology, economics, design and politics of the industry.

Even in their heyday the railways had their fans and enthusiasts — train-spotters crowded the ends of platforms and new steam engines attracted the attention today lavished on racing cars. Now, as the network shrinks and rescued steam engines are enveloped in clouds of nostalgia, *the stream of railway* books, histories, magazines and pamphlets has become a torrent. New books come out every week documenting the history of this or that branch line. Grainy videos recapture the vanished glories of steam. And each weekend crowds throng more than 50 private steam lines and rail centres.

Sadly, little of all this is of much academic value. Most of the histories are pot-boilers, poorly written and relying on some quaint photographs and quavering oral recollections.

Professor Divall wants his new institute to fill this gap. He is starting slowly. So far he has recruited two postgraduates who will begin research projects. He will build up the courses as demand and expertise rises. But he foresees an almost insatiable appetite. "Already I have a pile of applications from people who have heard or read about the new institute," he says.

Colin Divall, head of the Institute of Railway Studies

"There are hundreds of enthusiasts out there with a lifelong interest in railways which they want to pursue academically. I want to make sure that we don't turn them away but devise courses in railways studies, even for those without formal university qualifications, that can lead on to serious research."

Professor Divall, an enthusiast with a huge collection of books and magazines about railways, says he cannot remember a time when he was not interested in the subject. "As a kid I campaigned to keep open a goods line in Dorset from Poole through Ringwood to Wimborne. It was closed in the end, but I was amused that a local councillor recently referred to *the campaign I ran as a* schoolboy."

A physics and philosophy graduate from Bristol, the professor spent 16 months as a management trainee for British Rail in the Welsh valleys. He learnt a lot about railways, but also that he was not born to run them.

A key element in the new institute is the National Railway Museum (NRM). The biggest, and one of the best, collection of railway engines and artefacts in the world, the museum is enjoying a boom.

It displays the Mallard, the Evening Star, the Duchess of Hamilton and all the magnificent engines of history, as well as whole platforms of coaches and station equipment.

The museum is part of the National Museum of Science and Industry, and is an essential element of Britain's national museum institutions. More and more these institutions are taking seriously their role as research and education centres, places where archivists and historians can conduct basic research.

The NRM is a natural sponsor, therefore, of the new institute, which in turn will *rely heavily* on the collection that has now been assembled in York. Professor Divall, who has been appointed to the museum's management, will give valuable advice on displays and special exhibitions.

THE institute will try to steer clear of the furore over privatisation and the future of the railways. But Professor Divall says: "I hope that we can give some historical context to decisions being taken today.

"We are not going to be intellectually isolated. We will look at any project with a serious rail content. We don't want to get bogged down in detail — that is often the fault of the amateur historians.

"We are not just playing at trains. So far we have been very lucky in getting funding for the two research appointments. We can happily accept any other endowment donations: if the finance is there, the sky is the limit."

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Think 1950s machismo. The ultimate dude look means snug knitwear, windcheater jackets and checks

Men and super-cool men

ABOVE: short-sleeve checked shirt, £39.99; pale blue argyle sleeveless slipover, £48; striped trousers with an elasticated waist, £75, all from Jigsaw, 9-10 Floral Street, London WC2 and branches nationwide, from mid-February (inquiries 081-878 8443)

RIGHT: checked windcheater jacket, £24.99; checked short-sleeve top, £14.99; windowpane checked trousers, £14.99, Top Man, selected branches nationwide, from February (inquiries 071-291 2351); white patent shoes, £100, Wannabe, Patrick Cox, 8 Symons Street, London SW3

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

This week in Milan, the Italian designers unveil their latest menswear collections for autumn/winter 1995-96, clothes which won't be in the stores for a good six months or so. The high street stores are only now coming towards the end of their January sales of last autumn/winter's merchandise, and only just beginning to restock the shelves and rails with all manner of new summer fare.

But whatever the designers decide is the shape of things to come, right now men's fashion is looking pretty cool. Super-cool. Think Kurt Russell or Jeff Bridges playing the part of a gas station attendant somewhere in Middle America in the mid-1950s. A racy road-movie where our hero steals a Studebaker convertible and drives cross-country on a tour of mischief and mayhem. Both Gianni Versace in Italy and Jean Paul Gaultier in Paris in their menswear shows sent out models with luxuriously pompadoured quiffs which gleamed under the hot lights. Sneers appeared optional, but attitude was uppermost.

Unlike their female counterparts, men's clothes do not change that much, that often. Whereas womenswear designers can offer a completely new shape each season, for the most part men's fashion tends to stay firmly put.

Even Helmut Lang, the hippest-of-hip designers, does little more than recolour or refabricate his straightforward menswear styles each season. A three-button single-breasted jacket is still essentially the same jacket (this time round coloured khaki or run up in red leather), and a shirt is a shirt (albeit with shortened sleeves). Modern classics. What you see is what you get. Except...

Apart from the obvious modifications — colour, pattern and fabric — what does change radically is the way designers and retailers put things together. One season it may be hip to wear layer upon layer — a coat over a jacket over a waistcoat over a shirt or two — the next... almost nothing. Only a simple T-shirt is required. Last year it may have been hip to dress like a character from D.H. Lawrence (all tweedy texture, flat caps and braces), or a convert to Buddha (spicy shades and flapping shirt tails). But this year it's not.

This summer it's cool to dress in duds for that ultimate dude look. The designer styling emphasises a potent sexiness. Just as women's fashion is rediscovering the corseted curves of Hollywood pin-ups such as Marilyn Monroe, so men's fashion offers a little 1950s machismo.

Colourful Hawaiian print shirts, frill-front see-through shirts and snake-hip jeans aside, the accent is on the casual and carefree. Even if you don't follow the designer's dictum of how to put it together, the clothes will fit into most men's wardrobes with little fuss. Snug knitwear (high V-neck sweaters, argyle slip-overs, plain knitted shirts and zip-up cardigans with shawl collars), short-sleeve shirts, windcheater jackets, and bowling-style tops. Choose from smart pleat-front trousers, or easier drawstring and elasticated styles.

Checks are important, from small gingham tablecloth checks to bold Prince of Wales plaids, as are stripes — especially on multicoloured knit tank-tops, and straightforward T-shirts.

This new image of manhood is a step on (preferably in a white patent loafer) from the 1950s nerdy boffin look which was on the catwalks and in the clubs last year. It is the older brother who is everyone's hero. The guy whose hair always looks great.

Gingham shirt, £24.99; beige top with high v-neck, £14.99; Burton, branches nationwide (inquiries 0800 521601)

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HOTLINE

An Elle of a body

ELLE MACPHERSON is, it seems, this year's hottest model. Dubbed "The Body" for her terrific height and supertoned physique, she is currently gracing billboards across Britain to promote her workout video. She is also the new face for Falmer jeans, previously fronted by Naomi Campbell, somewhat dubiously dressed in thigh-high boots, micro shorts and little else. The new spring advertising is said to appeal to real women with the emphasis on a good fit. Meet the model, in the flesh, at HMV Videozone, 150 Oxford Street, London W1, today between noon and 1pm, where she will be signing copies of her video, *Elle Macpherson — The Body*.

Hot topics

"PERSPECTIVES in Fashion II" is the title of five fashion lectures being held at Kingston University. The subjects range from Bella Freud's view of fashion today, through PR Stephanie Churchill's idea of communicating an image, to Ted Polhemus, the social anthropologist, opening up the grey area: is fashion going out of fashion? The series runs from January 31 to February 28, and also features talks by the head of the School of Fashion at Kingston, Professor Ian Griffiths, and Adrian Clark, fashion editor of *Fashion Weekly*. Although the lectures are free, booking is advised. For information and reservations, call 081-547 2000. Further talk of fashion can be found on February 16 at the ICA. The French designer, Martine Sitbon, and the photographer and art director, Mark Ascoli, will discuss their work together. Tickets cost £5.50. For details, call 071-930 3647.

Uplifting

LATER this month the American fashion industry toasts its finest contributors of 1994. Womenswear Designer of the Year will go to Richard Tyler. The Wonderbra, an architectural achievement in itself, receives a Special Award, as do the make-up artist Kevyn Aucoin, and Elizabeth Tilberis, the editor of *Harper's Bazaar*. The late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis will be remembered with a tribute to her style and her influence on American fashion.

In store

HARVEY Nichols is transforming an area of the first floor for the collections of John Galliano and Ocimar Versolato. Galliano's much-heralded spring/summer collection has special needs, most notably space (for the vast skirts) and specific clothes hangers to display the intricate cut. Similar treatment has been given to Versolato's sleek dresses in crêpe-backed satin. Both designers will also be stocked by Harrods, as will velvet bustiers by Cadolie, the Parisian corsetry experts.

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Alan Coren

■ It may be only a spiritual loss, but it has left an enormous gap

Those of you with nothing else to think about will recall that last week's column found me unable to attract the attention of Humphrey Bogart. This week's column, by contrast, is much more serious. This week's column finds me unable to attract the attention of Mrs Humphrey Bogart. What makes this much more serious is that whereas last week I was only a hologram, this week I am a man. Or rather, mostly a man: because between this week and last, I have lost one of the major items which makes a man a man. I have lost my whistle.

Which means that were I to run into Mrs Humphrey Bogart in, say, some cheap Caribbean flop-house, and were she to lean sinuously against my door-jamb murmuring: "If you want me, all you have to do is whistle, you know how to whistle, don't you?" I should have to say no. I don't. Even if she went on to explain that the trick was just to put my lips together and blow, my answer would, tragically, remain the same.

And that is why this week's column is much more serious than last week's, since Lauren Bacall, unlike her late husband, is not late. Far from it: for those men of my generation whose concupiscent lot it has ever been to hanker after older women, she is just about the only older woman left who can still raise a serious hanker. It is therefore a major blow to realise that, should the opportunity ever arise to attract her attention, the major blow required to do so would be beyond me.

It used to be a great whistle, mine. Not only did it enjoy a range and a timbre which enabled me so to handle the Bach Double Violin Concerto as to startle bus passengers into searching the upper deck for both Oistrakhs, it had a pitch which could summon cabbies from six streets away while leaving dogs undisturbed (or, by the subtlest adjustment of a cheek, vice-versa), and, following a Les Ferdinand goal, alert the whole of West London to the fact that Queens Park Rangers were still a force to be reckoned with.

But last Friday morning, in the Middlesex Hospital, it was surgically removed. It was not removed deliberately (eclectic though this great institution may be, no Department of Whistle Surgery is flagged upon its indicator board), it was simply, when I woke up minus a tooth which had been removed deliberately, not there. I did not realise this immediately, mind. I realised it only after I had recovered from the anaesthetic and gone out to hail a cab. A cab came up Mortimer Street. I put my lips together and blew, there was the noise of an unknotted balloon hurtling around a room, and the cab went by, forgivably ignoring a man standing on the pavement wiping his chin.

And five days on, things are incalculably worse. In what should have been a cheering sequence, the wound has healed, the stitches have gone, the gums have deflated, the twinges have quietened, yet each recovery serves only to focus on the greater incurability. It is not merely the loss of sway over dog and cab and barman, it is not just the inability to lead the mob in approval or derision, or, when someone asks how something goes, impeccably flute a few identifying bars, it is not the realisation that, should the upcoming celebration of VJ-Day require it, I should not be able to contribute one single note of *Colonel Bogey*, it is not even the passing of the dear dead days when I could whistle while I worked, sloshing emulsion onto ceiling or adverb onto screen with a gusto of which *Pedro the Fisherman* was somehow both a diversionary descant and a contributory boon to concentration, it is more than any of these: it is about no longer being able to do what blokes are supposed to be able to do. Knowing how to whistle was the first rite of passage. In my primary school, it was what separated the boys from the infants.

So, since you have forked out the 20p which entitles you to demand of a columnist that he bang on not just about himself but about issues of burning topical note, let me close by buttonholing Nottingham council, which has just set up a Considerate Roadworks Hotline designed to give counsel to women upset by men whistling at them in the street. Is it unreasonable to hope that the same political correctness might spare a small caring spot on the switchboard for any men who can't?

The Japanese expect earthquakes, writes **Ian Buruma**, but still no one knows how to prepare for them

Bowing before the forces of nature

With the death toll now climbing tragically into thousands, it is no consolation that the Japanese are used to earthquakes. In many parts of Japan, people feel the earth shake at least once a month and usually more often than that. I can remember my first earthquake, in Tokyo in 1974. It wasn't much of a quake, about three on the Richter scale at most. But it's something you never forget: if you can't depend on the earth keeping still, you can't depend on anything.

Pre-modern statistics are hard to come by and unreliable, but a big earthquake is supposed to hit Tokyo about every 60 years. The last one was in 1923. People have been expecting another one for several decades.

Living in a volcanic archipelago is bound to affect the way people think, and certainly the way they build their homes. One of the reasons Japanese traditionally used wood, instead of brick, is the abundance of forests, but wood is also more flexible: it sways during a quake. Wooden dwellings are not supposed to last for ever. The idea of building monuments for eternity has never appealed to a people who might expect to see their cities destroyed in a few hours. Few Japanese, even today, expect their children to live in the house that they grew up in. The average Japanese urban home is still a somewhat flimsy affair, intended to last about one generation. And if it is destroyed by a natural disaster, it is easily rebuilt, more or less in the same style.

Unfortunately, wooden houses don't just sway, they burn too. When Tokyo was still called Edo, and the whole city was made of wood, entire areas would regularly go up in flames. Edoites took a stoical pride in being able to take this in their stride, rather like Londoners during the Blitz. Conflagrations were known as "the Flowers of Edo". And firemen had a glamorous image: the toughest guys on the block, half acrobats, half wideboys. When they weren't performing fantastic stunts on their ladders, they swaggered about in the colours of their guild.

The Great Kanto Earthquake that wiped out much of Tokyo in 1923 was a typical Flower of Edo. The earthquake itself, which struck just before noon, on September 1, gave people (and buildings) a severe jolt, but it did not destroy the city. The fires that followed did. Houses were made of wood. People were cooking lunch on stoves heated with burning twigs. It was a windy day. So once the fires got going, they turned into firestorms, some covering areas the size of football fields and rising to several hundred feet. The same thing happened again in 1945, when General Curtis ("Bomb 'em back to the stone age") LeMay's B29s flattened the city with firebombs.

The worst firestorm came down on a park near the Sumida River, where almost 30,000 people had taken refuge. Most of them burnt to death. Some jumped into the river to escape the flames, but as whirlwinds of fire swept along the water surface, they died too, incinerated by the fire or asphyxiated by the lack of oxygen. Altogether, more than 100,000 people died, and almost three-quarters of the buildings in the city were damaged or destroyed.

There was a popular song after the earthquake, which suggested that something of the old hardiness had survived. It is quoted in Edward Seidensticker's book *Tokyo Rising*. Entitled "The Reconstruction Song", it ran:

Completely burned out.
But see: the son of Edo has not lost his spirit.
So soon, these rows and rows of barracks.
And we can view the moon from our beds.

And yet, even the sons of Edo panic in a natural catastrophe. No matter how stoically people can live with the idea of imminent disaster, it still needs explaining when it strikes. Christians might seek solace in the thought that God must have his reasons. Japanese mobs, crazed with fear and grief, found other explanations. One rumour had it that an unnamed Western country was experimenting on Japan with an earthquake machine. But this didn't catch on. More lethal was the story that Koreans were causing countless Japanese deaths by poisoning the water wells.

Gangs of Japanese, who needed little prodding to set upon Koreans, attacked them with knives and bamboo sticks, beating or stabbing them to death. The police did little to stop the killing. I can attest to the power of this rumour: my Japanese wife's grandmother, a charming, sweet-tempered old lady, believed the story of the poisoned wells until the day she died.

That kind of savagery is unlikely to be repeated today. Japanese xenophobia has not disappeared, but it is rarely violent. And the country itself has changed almost beyond recognition since 1923. Although many residential houses are still made of wood, cities are now jungles of concrete and glass, like anywhere else. And Japanese architects, who are among the best in the world, do build, if not for ever, then certainly for a very long time.

Instead of blaming foreign earthquake machines or Koreans, Japanese have been thinking seriously about how to cope with the ever greater risks of giant earthquakes destroying their cities. Buildings, motorways, flyovers and bridges are supposed to be earthquake-proof. But it is still a constant worry, especially in Tokyo, the capital of one of the most centralised nations in the world. If Tokyo were to be smashed, the whole country would be affected. So for years it has been suggested that the capital should be moved west to Kansai, the region of Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto, which, was after all, the capital until 1864. And now look what has happened!

That is the problem with natural catastrophes, even in the country with the highest technology in the world.

Is Nolan just a paper tiger?

Standards in public life need a permanent and independent guardian. The Nolan Committee should demand wider powers

Simon Jenkins

Those who pay pipers are in the habit of calling tunes. As every cub detective is told, "Follow the money". So my first response to the Nolan Committee on standards in public life is to ask, who is paying, the defence or the prosecution? The answer is, the defence. The Government conceived this committee, albeit in haste, and hand-picked its members. The Government, in one guise or another, employs or employed most of them. The Government will decide what to do with their recommendations. The Government proposed; the Government will dispose.

But it must be thus. No corner of Britain's public sector is not in some degree subservient to government. *L'etat c'est lui.* Once the people have voted a majority to Parliament, the majority leadership is a free agent over the organs of the state. The House of Commons is merely the theatre in which ministers choose to present their decisions. The chief constraint is public opinion, as expressed in the media and opinion polls. Thus when the money-for-questions scandal broke last summer, John Major did what he did after the Matrix Churchill affair. He saw that it "looked bad" and went in search of a safe judge, while the ghost of Lord Franks hovered overhead.

In the case of the Nolan Committee, I am sure it never occurred to the Prime Minister that it was odd to ask three former ministers and three former civil servants to assist in drawing up rules of behaviour for former ministers and civil servants. I do not question their personal integrity. Tom King, Peter Shore and Lord Thomson of Monifieth, despite their mild exteriors, can each grip the temple pillars of Gaza like any Sampson in his prime. So can the former clerk to the House of Commons, Sir Clifford Boulton, the former ambassador to Denmark, Dame Anne Warburton, and Sir William Utting, former government inspector of social services. But will they ever dare pull the temple down? Mr Major intends not. After what he regards as the débâcle of the Scott Enquiry into Matrix Churchill, he ordered the Lord Chancellor to serve a whitewash *premier cru*.

I fear — I sincerely hope — that Lord Nolan will let him down. He has no option. By his very existence he has broken the delicate membrane that conceals the ethical conduct of public figures in Britain, as Lord Justice Scott has broken the membrane of collective ministerial responsibility. "All is well, more or less" is not an recommendation available to the Nolan Committee. The public would give a roar of cynical laughter.

British public life prides itself on its rectitude. Parliament is sovereign and Parliament can do no wrong. If a Member of Parliament misbehaves, he is merely being "un-Parliamentary". The fiction is maintained in every public speech and every public document: that Parliament, rather than the Government, "decides". Douglas Hurd uses the phrase as a sort of mantra. Yet it is meaningless. Ministers decide. They then tell the Chief Whip and the Leader of the House to "get it through Parliament". Parliament is like an army equipped with one ageing nuclear bomb. Its power is theoretically huge but practically useless. Government orders it about. Government decides when its members are a nuisance, when its sittings need curtailing. The modern Commons is a cosmetic component of the constitution.

Deciding how much corruption to allow so impotent a body is not easy. It is like asking how many steroids should be permitted to a non-competing athlete. The public would, in my view, accept that MPs may be farmers and doctors and businessmen. But it baulks at their being paid lobbyists within Parliament for commercial or professional interests, whether declared or not. In any other profession, such a conflict of interest would be a sacking offence. MPs adopt a look of outrage at the suggestion that there is anything wrong in this, and yet complain about public cynicism. The expensive lobbying over recent years to protect regulatory privileges by British Airways and the BBC went largely undeclared (and uninvestigated by the BBC). I cannot see how Nolan can make recommendations on such matters without investigating individual cases.

There are other worms now escaping from the same can. We are told the honours system was not abused in the 1980s for party donations, not blatantly. We are told that nobody was politically vetted before taking paid appointment to any of the 5,000 executive quangos and health boards, not openly. We are told the chorus-line of former Tory ministers and spouses of Tory MPs now crowding the quango scene are all there on merit — as Labour supporters were when that party was in power. We are told the steady elimination of elected officials from public administration is unconnected with the Government's trouble in winning elections. But try selling all that to the public. They think something murky is going on, and expect Lord Nolan to be Valiant-for-Truth. He cannot turn back now.

The Nolan Committee should do for "standards in public life" what the media, for better or worse, has done for royalty. It should destroy mystique. It should invert Burke and declare that only where mystery ends can justice begin. Just as Lord Justice Scott will end the fiction of ministerial responsibility, of government as a seamless web, so Nolan will end the fiction that its conduct is as driven snow. This is not a matter of "advertising for vacancies" or putting interests down in public ledgers. It means ending once and for all the curious parliamentary tradition that any scrutiny of standards in public life is best left to the vagaries of Fleet Street and Buggins' turn patronage when governments change office.

The Nolan Committee does not at present have power to do this job. It should demand transformation into a Royal Commission for Appointments, established under charter outside the orbit of Whitehall or Westminster, its composition a matter of inter-party agreement. It should have judicial powers under the 1922 Tribunals of Enquiry Act. It should take upon itself a wide remit to investigate cases and say what it thinks about MPs, ministers, public officials and, for that matter, the media. It should be an all-but-independent estate of the realm, a regulatory court of public office.

The commission should take over the much-abused Public Appointments Unit and the Downing Street patronage office. There is no honest defence for the crude quango-packing recently advocated by the Tory chairman, Jeremy Hanley. Honours have always been "sold", in some sense of that gloriously vague word, but seldom as crudely as under Lady Thatcher. Party donations have been kept secret, at least by the Tories. Labour has allowed unions to "sponsor" MPs, as if they were showjumpers or Oxford professors. These are not the standards the public expects, however naïvely, of British politics. They result, above all, from Lord Wilson and Lady Thatcher's nationalisation of the honours and patronage system, in a hierarchy that runs from government departments to the whips' office and 10 Downing Street.

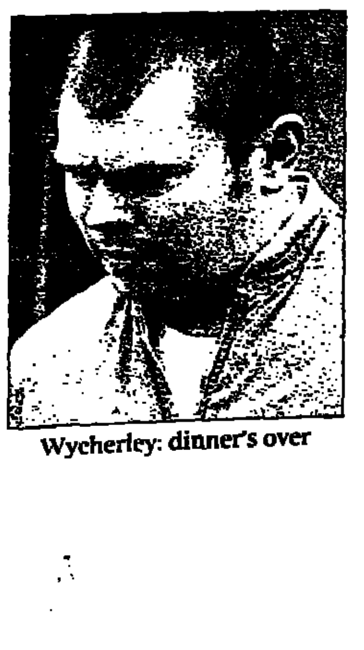
If ministers protest hand on heart that no thought of party gain ever crosses their minds when it comes to jobs or honours, a way is open to them to set the public's mind instantly to rest. They can divest themselves of these powers. Ministers should continue to propose appointments, but to the new commission not to Downing Street. The commission would be expected to listen and act reasonably. Some 42,000 posts in executive quangos are now available for public appointment. More Britons are appointed in a lay capacity to oversee such services as hospitals, schools, the police and social services than are chosen at elections. The system is chaotic. The veil was drawn back in 1991, when Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the Countryside Commission, told his staff that he was appointed after sharing a cab with a stranger. A fellow chairman had shared a shoot with a minister, and a third had been appointed on the strength of meeting a minister on holiday. At for the 15,000 health authority posts that had to be filled in 1991, it was the most undignified case of catch-as-catch-can in the history of public patronage. On seeing his list, one health administrator paraphrased Wellington and hoped they would "terrify the consultants as much as they terrify me".

Since Lady Thatcher came to power, an alternative Civil Service has been created. This quangocracy is a third force, distinct from ministers and officials yet responsible for roughly a third of the public sector. Like the commissars were to Leninism, quangos may have been necessary to the Thatcherite revolution, but the time has come to regularise their constitutional status. Quangos are here to stay, but at present they are neither clean nor accountable government. I trust Nolan will have the guts to say so.

All dished up

GOSSIP in the kitchens of Kensington Palace has reached boiling point. The Princess of Wales has dispensed with the services of a chef who has been cooking up royal dishes for nearly 15 years.

The departure of Mervyn Wycherley — a dab hand at coronation chicken — comes just as the Buckingham Palace has suspended the Prince of Wales's valet, Ken Stronach for talking to journalists. There is, of course, no suggestion that Wycherley intends to follow suit and blather, but the tabloid vulgarians surely have him in their sights.



Wycherley: dinner's over

Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday that Wycherley had left the Palace kitchen, but was reluctant to elaborate. "The Princess of Wales has had two chefs and now thinks she can get away with just one," explained a spokesman. Wycherley was not available for comment, but his departure leaves Darren McGrady (speciality: bread-and-butter pudding) on his own at the stove.

Before he joined the Prince and Princess, Wycherley was at Buckingham Palace, cooking for the Queen who has a penchant for plain food — scrambled eggs in particular. He was assigned to the Royal Yacht *Britannia* for the Prince and Princess's honeymoon, and moved to Kensington Palace soon afterwards. Whatever the reason for his departure, Wycherley will be sorely missed at teatime — his pastries and cakes are irresistible.

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● *Neil Kinnock has clearly taken to the Brussels way of life. Just a week or so after he astonished his new staff by announcing he "didn't lunch", I spotted him in the Westminster restaurant L'Amico yesterday heartily tucking in with ITN's Michael Brunson.*

Best crate

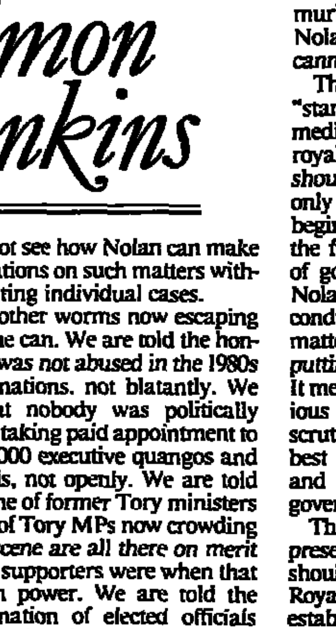
SOPHIE RHYS JONES will need a long, hot bubble-bath on Friday evening before Prince Edward takes her out on the town to celebrate her 30th birthday. She will spend the whole day with her sleeves rolled up and wearing her oldest jeans as the public relations company she works for moves premises. I am told she will not be excused from moving duties.

Her employer, Brian MacLaurin, of MacLaurin Communication and Media, says: "We're only going round the corner. I know that it's Sophie's birthday that day but she will be staggering about with crates like the rest of us." Afterwards, however, there will be ample reward. "There does happen to be a crate of Krug lying around, which my staff have been eyeing up. When we've moved, I might just see my way to opening it."

Doing bird

AS A MEANS of deterring burglars, who have hit his Somerset home with depressing regularity in the last three months, the writer Auberon Waugh was thinking of investing in a brace of dobermanns. Now, after a letter on the page opposite, he seems to have changed his mind — and is talking enthusiastically of geese.

"We haven't entirely discounted the dobermanns," he says, "but I am definitely going to have two flocks of geese. They are very noisy when disturbed." He admits he will have to allow for some natural wastage, because foxes will get a few, but points out that he lives on an island, which is relatively fox-free. "There is of course, the probability that we might eat some of the geese as well."



Elliot: just one last nuzzle?

Oat cuisine

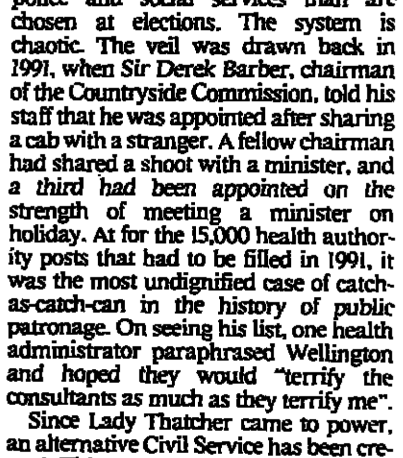
GINNY ELLIOT, the Olympic three-day eventing medallist, has come up with a stinker of a diet plan for horses. She has put her name to some designer nosh for the equine world. Most intriguing of the range is a supplement of Spanish garlic.

At the launch of the line in London's Osborne Studio Gallery yesterday, she explained that what is good for humans must be good for horses. "It'll be a bit whiffy," she conceded. "I probably won't be allowing my horses to nuzzle up to me quite so much. But if nothing else it might keep the flies away in the summer. It's called *Equivite Olé* and can be used with confidence, as it comprises human grade garlic imported from Spain."

Ginny tells me she has no trouble in juggling careers. She dictated her forthcoming children's novel into a portable tape-recorder while out riding.

Master's voice

LORD RENFREW, the Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, has had a change of heart. He is talking of reviewing his position as a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club in view of its intransigence about admitting women as full members, although in his youth he opposed the admission of women to the Cambridge Union — where he is now chairman of the trustees.



"Those were early days. It was probably one of those feelings of not wanting to hasten change," he mutters — adding hastily: "I would be strongly in favour if a vote were taken now."

But after 30 years as a member of the O&C in Pall Mall, he is not yet ready to hand in his resignation. "It might be more useful to stay and fight a rearguard action," he says.

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A DANGEROUS BORDER

Major should not provoke the Unionists

Tonight's Commons vote on fishing rights may signal the first serious breach in the Anglo-Irish peace process. In Ulster, the paramilitary ceasefires continue and the people of the Province are growing used to the absence of bloodshed. In Dublin, John Bruton's new Government is going out of its way to uphold the principles of the Downing Street declaration. Yet at Westminster, the Unionist MPs stand ready to abstain on the Labour motion. Their long-term support for John Major hangs in the balance.

The sudden fury of the Unionists is not as perplexing as it may seem. Since the declaration was signed, the British and Irish Governments have stressed the importance of James Molyneaux's support for their proposals. Mr Molyneaux has been in close and regular contact with the Prime Minister. He has played a crucial role in persuading the Unionist community that their interests are not about to be betrayed. But the hard-won relationship of trust between his party and the Government now seems to have broken down. Both the future of the peace process and Mr Major's credibility in the Commons depend upon its rapid restoration.

The Unionists' threats reflect their anxieties about the long-delayed joint framework document which the two Governments will soon publish. It will be the foundation stone of any proposed constitutional settlement between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. That this settlement will include an "all-Ireland dimension" — meaning influence for Dublin in the affairs of the North — is not contested. The Unionists accept that Ulster's new administrative assembly should have consultative committees on which Dublin is represented. This would assist cross-border co-operation over trade and agriculture, and the development of a single market within the island. There are signs, however, that the proposals may be far more radical.

Dublin and the Northern Ireland Office are understood to be considering a quite different framework which would establish new cross-border institutions drawing their power directly from the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement rather than the new assembly. These institutions, it seems, could claim powers of veto and redress over the assembly and district councils. They would include ministerial representatives, as well as officials. Their function would apparently be executive rather than advisory.

The Unionists are right to attack these suggestions before they become formal. It is better to raise objections at this stage than to wait until the people of Ulster are presented with a *fait accompli*, the full implications of which they may realise too late. Ulster is ready for greater co-operation with the South. But that is quite different from the fundamental constitutional changes which now seem to be under consideration.

The Government is naturally concerned to see the IRA cessation of violence continue. The preliminary talks with Sinn Fein are proceeding cordially; negotiations over arms dumps and the future of republican prisoners are at a delicate stage. But the Prime Minister should not forget that the paramilitary ceasefires are only one element in the lasting peace which he would like to see. Without Unionist support, the new institutions in the North will do nothing more than generate bureaucracy. Throughout the peace process — and especially before the IRA ceasefire — the Unionist community has proved far more patient than many expected. Mr Major should not test that patience too far.

GOD'S DOOR SLAMS

Earthquakes are a reminder of man's vulnerability

Early reports spoke of hundreds of casualties. Later, as the fires burnt across the TV screens, the death toll was put at more than 1,000. Now it looks as though at least 7,000 people have been killed or injured by the deadliest earthquake to shake the densely populated central cities of Japan in more than 70 years. The ferocity of the tremor, registering 7.2 on the Richter scale, has brought the kind of devastation Japan has not seen since World War Two. The calamity has numbed even a nation where earthquakes are a daily threat.

There is little that Britain and Japan's Western allies can do to alleviate the suffering: the Japanese have long experience of coping with such disasters, and do not need well-meaning but inappropriate consignments of blankets or food. What they value, however, are the messages of profound sympathy that have come from all those who have seen the destruction of Kobe — "God's Door" — on their news bulletins.

No one has been watching these scenes of devastation with more fascination, fear and foreboding than the people of California. Living above the other notorious fault-line that rims the Pacific, Californians have themselves just experienced a series of quakes bad enough to convince many that a cataclysm on the scale of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake cannot be far away. There is an awful symmetry in the shakings that have brought destruction to two of the world's most advanced societies.

The Northridge earthquake came exactly a year earlier. The Japanese looked with alarm and even a touch of smugness at the collapsed freeways, the crushed cars and burst gas mains. California, they believed, was less prepared for these elemental reminders of man's vulnerability. Now the same pictures of twisted roads and gaping buildings are coming from Japan. And they will prompt the same searching questions.

Why did the roads and buildings collapse, despite ever more stringent regulations on design and construction? Why, despite the hubris of those whose claim that earthquake prediction is an exact science, was it impossible to give a warning? And why were the emergency teams, practised and rehearsed in just such a disaster, still confounded by its occurrence?

Sophisticated societies have greater difficulty coming to terms with disaster than more primitive communities, where fatalism and frequent experience of early death can inure them to the vicissitudes of nature. Dense, urban communities appear to have overcome the limitations of nature, and foster an outlook that makes man the alleged master of the environment around him. Earthquakes remind such societies that not everything is controllable. This unspoken threat can cause intense anxiety as people try to anticipate the losses they know they will suffer: the strain of living with the knowledge of an approaching disaster has kept psychologists and counsellors busy in both California and Japan.

Western Europe is lucky in being largely spared regular destructive earthquakes, the most devastating natural force threatening civilisation. The exceptions, such as the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, linger in the continent's memory. Nevertheless, even Europeans can understand the horror, the suffering and the paralysing shock of these cataclysms — be they in Turkey or Armenia, California or Japan. Their sympathies for the people of Kobe are heartfelt.

LOUCHE ENDS

A pretty costume drama, BBC, but don't credit Edith

Human nature also abhors a vacuum. The urge to finish an unfinished classic is as natural as the instinct to wipe a child's dripping nose. The latest to succumb to this intolerance of loose ends is the BBC in its dramatisation of *The Buccaneers*, which Edith Wharton left unfinished when she died in 1937.

Wharton's allusive study of class, conflicting cultures and (her stock theme) unhappy love has been made generally more explicit. Her story of four nouveau riche American girls, the "buccaneers", in pursuit of aristocratic husbands in stuffy Victorian England has been dressed up in relevant chic for the 1990s: in the areas of women's rights and male dominance the volume has been sharply increased. Scenes of rape and two men in bed together have been introduced for the BBC1 audience. So purists cry literary rape. Wharton, being bound by the conventions of her age, would have had to end her book more obliquely.

The author might, indeed, have disagreed with the BBC's ending. She would surely have written it more elegantly. But we doubt that she would have been shocked by it. Her notes for the book suggest dark sexual unhappiness in the victims of her marriage plot. And her unpublished (and at the time unpublishable) fragments for other stories deal with incest, child abuse and more controversial topics in the modern manner.

The Venus de Milo is one of the few incomplete works of art that has not yet been finished by tidy-minded improvers. There have been numerous attempts to solve the mystery of Edwin Drood, though Dickens hinted strongly at the solution before he died. The closing statement in music is as important as the end of a book. This has not discouraged otherwise unknown composers from providing their endings for Schubert's Eighth Symphony. Without such artistic hubris, both *Turandot* and *Lulu* would fall to intolerably inconclusive ends.

That early text of English literature, *The Battle of Maldon*, has neither beginning nor end, but starts and ends with dots to indicate lacunas. If the middle were only a mite more sexual, the BBC could turn it into a series, hiring Martin Amis or James Kelman at vast expense to fill the gaps with modern verbal violence and alliteration.

All such modern endings, sequels and "prequels" reflect the concerns and tastes of their time. Sentimental Victorians gave *Lear* a happy ending and turned *Macbeth* into a pantomime with flying witches. Harold Pinter's ending for the film of *The Last Tycoon* had an enigmatic incoherence that was by no means Scott Fitzgerald. But it was decidely contemporary and Pinteresque.

Such later postscripts by another hand reveal much about the other hand and little about the original author. Fifty years from now critics will find our contemporary obsessions with sex and political correctness as quaint as we find the hypocrisy of the Thirties and the prudery of the Victorians. But they may still be reading Edith Wharton, because her writing about the troubles of women and men in and out of love transcended her time. Such timelessness makes the difference between a classic and a "relevant" modern appendage.

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Labour's 'chaotic' devolution plans

From Mr Tim Renton, MP for Mid Sussex (Conservative)

Sir, Magnus Linklater's article on devolution ("Clear the mist from Scotland", January 14) includes the anodyne comment that a Labour government would have to "deliver to the English regions a form of government that would genuinely benefit them, rather than something cobbled together in response to the Scottish question".

How is that genuine benefit to be found? Certainly not in regional assemblies.

In Sussex, for instance, we have just spent a year convincing the local government commissioners and, we hope, John Gummer, that, Brighton and Hove apart, Sussex does not want unitary authorities. This is backed by a MORI poll in West Sussex giving an 80 per cent vote for no change. Other counties are fighting the same battle.

We neither want nor need regional assemblies on top of town councils, district councils and county councils. There is no better recipe for total confusion. And if a Tory government has not imposed a change in local government upon us, how would a Labour government expect to do so?

Yet, the validity of Labour's proposal for a Scottish Parliament, with powers to legislate on health, education and transport in Scotland, depends ultimately on similar powers going to English regional assemblies. This is the only answer to Tam Dalyell's "West Lothian question". Only in this way could Scottish and English Westminster MPs have equal briefs and powers, and the Union be maintained.

This is another example of the Labour Party's deep constitutional confusion.

Yours truly,
TIM RENTON,
House of Commons.
January 16.

From Mr David Crease

Sir, There is another short-term answer to the "West Lothian question". Until the English feel the need to elect their own regional assemblies, powers devolved to Scottish and Welsh bodies could in England be devolved to regional committees of Parliament.

Such a committee for Yorkshire and Humberside, for instance, whether meeting in Westminster or, say, York, would fill the democratic vacuum that now exists between Whitehall and county hall.

As things stand the only places in which policy on regional issues can take shape and gather strength are inhabited solely by civil servants. Whether in St Andrew's House in Edinburgh or City House in Leeds, decisions are either taken, or made inevitable, at a substantial remove from elected chambers at either local or national level.

It would be comforting to think that the affairs of Yorkshire could be subject to the constant attention of Yorkshire MPs sitting as a properly constituted body rather than to occasional disruption from a distant minister responding to random lobbying.

Regional committees could be charged with the duty of preparing the way for an eventual elected assembly when the time is ripe — a small step for their successors, but a big step for democracy.

I am, Sir, yours etc,
DAVID CREASE,
Deer Park, Scampston,
Malton, North Yorkshire.

From Mr T. G. Wills-Sandford

Sir, The Labour Party's plans for devolution seem likely to lead to a chaotic system of government in the United Kingdom.

The powers of the proposed Scottish Parliament will be different from the powers of the Welsh Assembly and both would differ from whatever emerges in Northern Ireland. People in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales would all therefore have different systems of government. Furthermore, it seems that some regions of England might have an assembly and some not, and so within the UK there would be at least five different forms of government.

If you then consider that some areas have a unitary system of local government and others have two tiers, it becomes clear that the system of government would become impenetrable.

Yours sincerely,
T. G. WILLS-SANDFORD,
50 Bowerdean Street, SW6.
January 14.

From Mr D. R. Harris

Sir, The population of the United Kingdom is 58 million, of whom five million live in Scotland, fewer than live in London. What is the advantage to England of having Scotland in the United Kingdom?

There is much talk of a referendum on devolution/self-rule in Scotland. I would welcome a referendum in England whereby the inhabitants of England, including the Scots living here, could state whether they wish Scotland to remain part of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. HARRIS,
131 High Street,
Old Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Battle of the sexes in clubland

From Mr Robin Guthrie

Sir, Women may be excluded from full membership of the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club (report and article, January 11; leading article, January 13; letters, January 14) but the full story is odder still.

Lady associate members have most of the privileges of membership for a fraction of the price. They cannot enter the members' bar, or mount the main staircase to the library (infamous!); but the sexes may sleep together (so long as the ladies go up in the lift or by the servants' staircase), dine and even breakfast together (and if your partner is an associate she could always pay). The insult is to women, and unacceptable; while the injury, such as it is, is to men.

The situation is worse at the Athenaeum, where they enthrone the Goddess of Wisdom over the entrance but refuse women as members.

The situation in both places is intolerable, particularly at a club based on the two ancient universities in modern times.

I resigned after the last vote on the matter; more of the 1,853 who voted as I did should have done the same by now. But I look forward to going back when wisdom and reason again prevail.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN GUTHRIE,
28 rue des Moulins,
67000 Strasbourg, France.
January 14.

From Sir Richard Lloyd Jones

Sir, I hope that members will not follow your advice (leading article, January 13) to vote with their feet. If they do, it will be the more difficult for those of us who wish to change the present rules — a substantial number as Dr David Butler has shown (article, January 11) — to amass the votes needed to do so.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LLOYD JONES,
141 Heol Isaf, Radyr, Cardiff.
January 15.

From the Headmaster of Dean Close School, Cheltenham

Sir, Dr Butler has brought into the public domain something which successive members of the committee of the Headmasters' Conference co-educational group have been fighting for over 16 years: membership for women at the East India, Devonshire, Sports and Public Schools' Club. Although almost all HMC schools take some girls and over half are fully and equally co-educational, their girl leavers cannot become members of this institution.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER BACON,
Headmaster, Dean Close School,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
January 12.

From the Chairman of the University Women's Club

Sir, We are much concerned by the plight of women associate members of the Oxford and Cambridge, highlighted by the resignation of Dr Butler. At this club, just up the road, we have both an excellent library and a handsome staircase which husbands and male guests are welcome to use.

The University Women's Club was founded in 1886. We do not have men members, but do have male dining members who are able to use all the facilities of the club. There is no sexism here, and a good wine list.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH RAY, Chairman,
University Women's Club,
2 Audley Square,
South Audley Street, W1.
January 11.

From Mr Charles Foster

Sir, Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the average male member of the Oxford and Cambridge will have nowhere to lay his head with a guarantee of angst-ridden good fellowship if the screaming hordes get their way.

What is so good about pretending that all men want the company of women all the time? In no society anywhere at any time has such a silly presumption been taken seriously. Do women really want to go into the Oxford and Cambridge club and keep company with simmeringly resentful refugees from an oppressively female world? And do the supporters of female candidates really want to stand at the bar with sad, unenlightened anachronisms like me?

I wouldn't have thought so. And so it is probably just as well for the women that they can't, and just as well for the men that they needn't. So what are they campaigning for?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES FOSTER,
11 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
January 14.

Proposals to restrict rail ticket sales

From Professor J. F. Richardson

Sir, What need do railway passengers have of enemies when they have a friend like the Rail Regulator, one of whose duties is to look after the interests of passengers?

The suggestion that the issuing of a comprehensive range of tickets might be restricted to comparatively few "core" stations (reports, January 10, 13; leading article, January 12) is quite unacceptable, being inconvenient to passengers and discouraging of rail travel.

In particular, imagine the confrontations which will occur if no through ticket is available to a station at which penalty fares operate.

The Transport Secretary declares himself unhappy with the proposals but powerless to act — a farcical situation arising from legislation initiated by the Government which has created a monster which it is now unable to control.

Many professional railwaymen have been highly critical of the present method of privatising the railways, and I have heard none in support. It provides an ideal opportunity for buck-passing between Railtrack and the operating companies. It is time to think again.

Yours sincerely,
J. F. RICHARDSON,
34 Mayals Avenue,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.
January 14.

From Mr Jacques A. Arnold, MP for Gravesham (Conservative)

Sir, Labour's demand that through-tickets should be available from railway stations, and only from a nationalised railway at that, ignores the fact that such tickets are only available today from stations, and a few smaller outlets, almost all of which have to operate an archaic, time-consuming, paper-based ticket-issuing system.

That system caused the overwhelming majority of travel agents to drop issuing rail tickets many years ago, to the disadvantage of the travelling public.

The newly franchised rail companies will wish to maximise their business and ticket outlets. They will inevitably insist on a new multi-operator computerised ticketing system, such as the Galileo system set up by a BA consortium after the airline was privatised, thus consigning the BR system to the museum, along with the nationalised railway.

Yours faithfully,
JACQUES ARNOLD,
House of Commons.
January 11.

From Mr Richard Spencer

Sir, One of the so-called "core" stations on the Chiltern line is Haddenham and Thames Parkway in Buckinghamshire — a one-platform station on a single track between Bicester and Princes Risborough. Viewed from a train it looks like an unattended halt.

I cannot imagine why a rural station in the middle of the countryside would need such a service, when cities like Lichfield and Peterborough are excluded. I suspect that the word Parkway works miracles, particularly when the people doing the choosing probably never travel by train.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SPENCER,
Pypes Mill,
Stoneleigh,
Warwickshire.
January 13.

Unrest in Bahrain

From the Ambassador of Bahrain

Sir, During December Bahrain experienced a wave of unrest deliberately provoked and supported by foreign-based terrorists bent on destabilising the Gulf region.

Unfortunately such international terrorist organisations, which have targeted Bahrain for some years, are adept at disseminating misinformation through the international human rights movement.

There is no truth whatsoever in recent allegations of multiple deaths, 1,600 arrests and continuing pro-democracy demonstrations in Bahrain.

Tragically one policeman was murdered, and two rioters killed whilst attempting to take the lives of other security personnel. Some 450 people were arrested in the course of the violent demonstrations and were remanded in custody.

Over 350 of them have already been released. The remainder are being held, pending further investigations and trial, in humane conditions, afforded the usual visitation rights and medical attention. Until last week, when a couple of minor disturbances occurred, there had been no incidents since December 17.

Recent comments by Lord Avebury, chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group (report, January 7), and also by Amnesty International demonstrate a profound misunderstanding of the situation in Bahrain.

My Government is not opposed to visits by bona fide human rights organisations. However, Bahrain is understandably perturbed by Amnesty International's seeming reluctance to condemn terrorist acts aimed at Bahrain's peaceful community and its willingness to give credibility to anti-governmental terrorist propaganda.

Yours faithfully,
KARIM EBRAHIM AL SHAKAR,
Embassy of the State of Bahrain,
98 Gloucester Road, SW7.
January 16.

Impartiality of quango members

From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, Michael Dynes and David Walker ("The case for quangos", January 12) are right to emphasise the need for "appointed" bodies in addition to "elective" ones.

My own past experience as a governor of the BBC, a member of the Local Government Boundaries Commission for Scotland and the Royal Fine Art Commission for Scotland is that, although appointed by the Government of the day, it was our duty to defend our independence and authority (even sometimes against the Government which appointed us — a fact, to be fair, which was understood and appreciated by both Labour and Tory ministers with whom I had contact).

Our strength was that we were not directly responsible to any constituencies, pressure groups, lobbies, and all the other necessary democratic pressures which operate on elective bodies. While our job involved extensive consultations and public hearings, our responsibility was to exercise impartial judgment. Our "appointed" status was essential to this role.

I appreciate that the experiences I quote are not necessarily applicable to all other types of public board, but the principles involved are important to good management in the public sector.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh 9.
January 12.

From the Reverend Dr E. C. B. Corlett

Sir, Speaking during Prime Minister's Question Time on January 12, the Leader of the Opposition referred to quangos as "unaccountable bodies stuffed with Tory placemen". I am dismayed, and indeed hurt.

Until recently, and for the previous 17 years, I was a trustee of the National Maritime Museum, having been appointed by Harold Wilson and twice ratified by Margaret Thatcher. I freely gave much of what was, to me, valuable time to trying to assist the museum in its duties to the British public; so did the other trustees, many of them from the higher levels of industry and the public sector.

Our efforts were unpaid and given in the disinterested wish to serve Britain. Surely the same must apply to many members of quangos in many other areas.

Speaking from outside the UK, and as someone who has never had any vested interest in UK politics, I regard Mr Blair's slur as unwarranted and disgraceful.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
EWAN C. B. CORLETT,
Cottimans,
Port-e Vullen, Isle of Man.
January 12.

No legal aid

From Dr and Mrs Geoffrey H. Robb

Sir, Peter Carter-Ruck (letter, January 4) misses one reason to explain the glut of trainee solicitors: perhaps law firms are not providing what the public wants.

In November our boundaries were being actively encroached upon and we needed an immediate injunction. Two local law firms with several partners apiece told us that the next day was the earliest they could offer help. An ideal case, you may feel, for a young solicitor to tackle.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY ROBB,
ESTHER ROBB,
Heath House,
Headley, Epsom, Surrey.
January 5.

Geese as guardians

From Mrs Annette Fitch

Sir, I agree that dobermanns do not lay eggs, but Lady Teresa Waugh will be ill-advised if she relies on the urban myth of geese as burglar deterrents (report, January 10; letter, January 14).

First, though certainly noisy, geese, contrary to accepted belief, are quite friendly birds, not savage.

Second, the logistics are almost insurmountable: if not securely penned at dusk geese will fall prey to the local fox long before they can act as an early warning system.

Keeping geese rates very high on the happiness quotient, but if they are intended to double as burglar alarms the entire property would have to be ringed with two-metre-high chain link fencing, with gates of the same height, which would render the geese redundant.

Yours faithfully,
ANNETTE FITCH,
Well House,
Broadhempston, Totnes, Devon.
January 14.

Thick as a plank?

From Mr Peter Johnston

Sir, Nick Nuttall reports (January 12) that "radio transmitters can cause trees to grow thicker and faster". Might it be possible that the human race is growing thicker and faster for the same reason?

Yours sincerely,
PETER JOHNSTON,
4 Bywell House, Bywell,
Stocksfield, Northumberland.
January 12.

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SANDRINGHAM
January 17: The Governor-General of Canada and Mrs Hnatyshyn have left the House.

The Lady Elton has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 17: The Prince Edward, Trustee, *The Duke of Edinburgh's* Award, this afternoon viewed Rover's new product range for British Car Contracts at the Heritage *Centre, Gaydon*, Warwickshire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

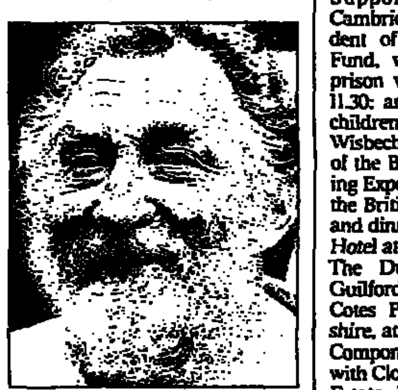
KENSINGTON PALACE
January 17: The Princess of Wales, Patron, *seeABILITY (Royal School* for the Blind), this morning visited the school in Highlands Road, Leatherhead, and was received by *Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant* for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs Max Pike and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
January 17: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening attended a dinner for Board Members, Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Today's birthdays

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, 62; Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball, 74; Mr Robert Banks, MP, 58; Mr Peter Beardsley, footballer, 34; Mr Michael Bett, chairman, Social Security Advisory Committee, 60; Mr John Boorman, film director, 62; Mr Raymond Briggs, il*lustrator, 61; Professor M.J.* Brown, clinical pharmacologist, 44; Mr David Burke, Chief Constable, North Yorkshire, 56; Mr J.R. Carr, former chairman, Countryside Commission of Scotland, 68; Mr Kevin Costner, actor, 40; Mr Richard Dunwoody, jockey, 31; Mr Christian Fittipaldi, racing driver, 24; the Hon Sir Rocco Forte, chairman, Forte, 50; Sir William Goodhart, QC, 62; Mr D.J. Grant, Lord Lieutenant of Co. Durham, 73; Mr James Hann, chairman, Scottish Nuclear, 62; Sir William Harding, diplomat, 68; Mr Robert Hicks, MP, 57; Sir Terence Higgins, MP, 67; Mr John Hougham, chairman, Acas, 58; Mr *David Howell, MP, 59; Mr John* Hume, MP, MEP, 58; Mr Edward James, diplomat, 78; Dame Jennifer Jenkins, former chairman, National Trust, 74; Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones, 62; Mr Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, 51; Mr Martin Laing, chairman, John Laing, 53; Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, former chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 71; Sir Peter Preston, civil servant, 73; Sir Nigel Strutt, former deputy chairman, Strutt and Parker (Farms), 70; Sir Walter Verco, *former secretary*, Order of the Garter, 88; Sir Ralph Verney, landowner, 80; Sir Clive Whitmore, civil servant, 60.



Dr David Bellamy, the botanist and writer, is 62 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu, philosopher, Bordeaux, 1689; Peter *Mark* Roget, lexicographer, 1779; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Churchtown, Lancashire, 1825; Matthew Webb, 1st English Channel swimmer, Dawley, Shropshire, 1848; Rubén Darío, poet, Metapa, Nicaragua, 1867; A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, London, 1882; Arthur Ransome, author, 1884; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Orël, Russia, 1886; Cary *Grant*, actor, Bristol, 1904; Danny Kaye, actor, Brooklyn, 1913.

DEATHS: Jan van Riebeck, surgeon and founder of Cape Town, Jakarta, Indonesia, 1677; Sir John Pringle, physician and President of the Royal Society 1772, London, 1782; John Tyler, 10th American President 1841-45, Richmond, Virginia, 1862; Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist and politician, Torquay, 1873; Rudyard Kipling, first British writer to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, 1907, London, 1936; Sir *Cecil Beaton, photographer, Broad* Chalke, Wiltshire, 1980.

Captain Cook discovered the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), 1778.

William of Prussia was proclaimed as the 1st German-Emperor, 1871.

Captain Robert Scott and his expedition arrived at the South Pole, 1912.

The Versailles peace conference opened, 1919.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as, Patron of Victim Support, will visit Victim Support Fenland, March, Cambridgeshire, at 11.05; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Whitemoor prison visitors centre, March, at 11.30; and will visit the Wisbech children and families project at Wisbech at 1.30. Later, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, she will attend the British apparel export awards and dinner at the Royal Lancaster *Hotel* at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent will visit Guilford Europe, Guildford Mills, Cotes Park, Somercotes, Derby*shire, at 10.30*; will visit Container Components Incorporated, Ast-with Close, Holmewood Industrial Estate, Holmewood at 12.10; and will visit CUK, Bramble Way, Clover Nook Industrial Estate, Somercotes, at 12.55.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Tim Eggar, Minister for Industry and Energy, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government *last night* at Lancaster House for the Chairman of the Action for Engineering Steering Group and the Chairmen of *the six associated Task Forces.*

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
Group Captain John Constable, Secondary of London and Under Sheriff, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held last night at Clothworkers' Hall for the livery and their guests. Mr P.J. Redman, Master, presided. Mr G.H. Ross Goobey also spoke.

Chartered Accountants' Company
Mr F.B. Harrison, Master of the Chartered Accountants' Company, assisted by Mr J.M. Renshall, Senior Warden, and Mr W.S.C. *Richards, Junior Warden,* presided at the winter livery dinner held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr Harry Taylor, the Senior Warden *and Mr Tony Hewitt* also spoke.

Society of Knights of the Round Table
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall attended a dinner of the Society of Knights of the Round Table held last night at the Athenaeum. Major-General Michael Walsh, Knight President, accompanied by *Mrs Walsh, presided.*

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Common*wealth Affairs, was the host at a* farewell luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Italian Ambassador, Count Giacomo Attolico.

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
The Ambassador for Israel presented the Ambassador of Jordan with a medal struck to mark the recent peace agreement between *the two countries at a luncheon* held yesterday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism in Finchley. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided. *Representatives from the Christian* and Jewish faiths were present.

Professor Maurice Stacey

A memorial service for Professor Maurice Stacey, CBE, FRS, will be held in St Francis Hall of the University of Birmingham at 2.30pm on Wednesday, January 25, 1995. Further information is available from the School of Chemistry, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT. Tel: 0121-414 4423.

Legal appointments

Mr Christopher Richard Darnton to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the Greater Manchester Commission Area, based at Salford Magistrates' Court.

Mr Maurice Ralph Kay, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench.

Retirements

Lord Justice Mann has retired as a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Judge Bates, QC, has retired from the Circuit Bench on the Western Circuit.

This image of Tuareg tribesmen in southern Algeria taken in the 1920s is included in an exhibition of African arms and armour, which opens at the Museum of Mankind in London today. Also on show are throwing knives, spears and battle axes, weapons that often still have symbolic and ceremonial importance across the continent

Griffin yields ancient ancestry

By Norman Hammond, *Archaeology Correspondent*

GRIFFINS, those eagle-beaked guardians of ancient gold, may have had a distant and bizarre origin in finds of dinosaur skeletons in Central Asia. Species such as *Protoceratops*, found in the same region of the Silk Road as gold deposits, could have given rise to the myth of a four-legged birdlike monster dwelling in the desert fastness.

The creatures that Aeschylus called "silent hounds with sharp beaks" first appear in Greek *literature* in the 7th century BC, after Aristaeas visited the Altai region of Central Asia and lived to tell the tale in an epic poem, now lost. His hosts regaled him with stories about a remote wilderness where one-eyed horsemen called Arimaspeans stole gold from griffins.

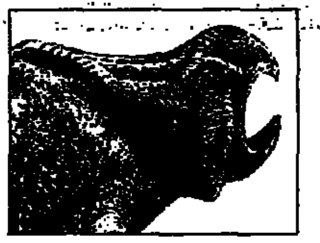
The information was recycled by Herodotus, who scoffed at the idea of cyclopean humans but accepted the reality of griffins; a century later they were agreed to be "almost as large as wolves and with legs and claws like lions".

Griffinology continued to burgeon into Victorian times, the folklorist Adrienne Mayor writes in the journal *Archaeology*. There were suggestions that the creatures were rationalisations of mammoth skeletons, Tibetan mastiffs, or even rodents living in Central Asia. Ms Mayor believes that the bones of 60-million-year-old beaked dinosaurs are a more likely source.

"When I learnt that some of the world's richest fossil beds are located along the old trade routes across the Gobi, I realised that ancient gold-seekers might well have encountered impressive prehistoric remains there," she says. "In the 1920s, Roy Chapman Andrews' team discovered traces of bones of Late Cretaceous dinosaurs: some of *the skulls had powerful beaks* — and many were still attached to their four-limbed skeletons."

Ms Mayor believes that erosion exposed dinosaur bones and eggs, and also brought particles of gold down from the mountains to be found in the same areas.

Source: *Archaeology* 47 (6):52-59; *Scientific American* 271, no 6: 60-69.



Protoceratops: its beak may have inspired myth

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.T. Aldous and Miss S.A.M. Shuter
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Aldous, of Kingsbridge Farm, Steeple Claydon, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Patrick Shuter, of Grangefield House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Dr D.N.L. Beresford and Dr C.E. James
The engagement is announced between David Beresford and Catherine James, both of Chiswick, London.

Mr P.S. Bertelsen and Miss S.C. Constantine
The engagement is announced between *Sten, son of Mr and Mrs* Peder Bertelsen, of Balcombe, West Sussex, and Susannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs *Joe Constantine, of Knipton,* Lincolnshire.

Mr M.D. Bluck *and Miss K. Challoner*
The engagement is announced between Martin David, second son of Mr W.A.G. Bluck, of Stoke-on-*Trent, Staffordshire, and Mrs J.R.* Bluck, of Weymouth, Dorset, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W.G. Challoner, of Sedbergh, Cumbria.

Mr D.J. Cleverly and Miss A.J. Baldwin
The engagement *is* announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Cleverly, of Settrington, North Yorkshire, and Annelli, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Baldwin, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr H.S.N. Digby and Miss J. Steward
The engagement is announced between Hugh Salvin Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Gerald Digby, of Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr William Alfred Steward, of Selby, North Yorkshire, and Mrs Audrey Steward, of Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

The Rev J.S.F. Hadley and Miss R.Y. Sahir
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hadley, of Coverack, Cornwall, and Rachel, only *daughter of Mr and Mrs Ahmed* Sahir, of Isleworth, Middlesex.

Mr M.A. Hammond and Miss C. van Sloten
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr J.D. Hammond, of Foxton, Leicestershire, and of Mrs R.V. Davies, of Mowsley, Leicestershire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J. van Sloten, of Lauder, Berwickshire.

Mr J.G.S. Hancock and Miss J.C. Finlayson
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr Gerald Hancock, of Brisbane, and *Mrs Simone* Hancock, of Sydney, Australia, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Finlayson, of Hobbs End, Lingfield, Surrey.

Major P.J. Hingston and Miss C.K. Stirling
The engagement is announced *between* Peter, son of *Mrs Ingrid* Hingston, of Kelso, Roxburghshire, and the late Mr John Hingston, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Roderick Stirling, of Fairburn, Ross-shire.

Mr G.G.B. Hudd and Miss *S.J.C. de Darányi*
The engagement is announced between Gareth, second son of Mr and Mrs Glyn Hudd, of Gravesend, *Kent, and Sophie*, second daughter of Mr Béla de Darányi, of Aberdeenshire, and Mrs Victoria Bingham, of London, W12.

Mr S.G. McNair Scott and Miss N.J. Stevenson
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Thomas McNair Scott, of St Peter, Jersey, and of the late Mrs Susannah McNair Scott, and Natasha, daughter of the late Mr Alexander Stevenson, and of Mrs Anthony Newbury, of Fulham, London.

Mr *R.L. Milnes-James* and Miss F.L. Munro
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and *Mrs David Milnes-James, of* Nottingham, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Bullock, of Scarrington, Nottinghamshire.

Mr R.D. Montgomerie and Miss A.E. Masefield
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Mr William Montgomerie and of Mrs Montgomerie, of *Shoreham*, Kent, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Masefield, of Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Mr R.T.B. Price and Miss S.E.E. Jaggard
The engagement is announced between Robin, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Thomas Price, of Morgan's Walk, London, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Jaggard, of Winfrith Court, Dorset.

Mr A.N.J. Robinson and Miss A. Pasic
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Robinson, of Bucklebury, Berkshire, and Alisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Izet Pasic, of Bugojno, Bosnia.

Mr J.F. Tolleson *and Miss J.R. Dalby*
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Peggy Tolleson, of Moules et Baucels, Herault, France, and the late Mr John F. Tolleson, and Juliet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest W. Dalby, of Coggeshall, Essex.

Mr L. Van Dam and Miss S.R. Winner
The engagement is announced between *Lex*, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Van Dam, of Drachten, Holland, and Sonya, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Winner, of Roehampton, London.

Mr A.J. Willoughby and Miss H.R. Coyle
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Willoughby, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Coyle, of Blackheath, London.

University news

Glamorgan
Air Vice-Marshal J.A. Porter to be Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources), Professor L. Hobson, to be *Deputy Vice-Chancellor* (Academic), Professor S.L. Bristow to be Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Services), Professor J.H. Flavell to be Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Affairs), Mr J L Bracegirdle to be University Secretary.

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BIRTHS

ABBOT - On 15th January at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to Elaine (née Kelleher) and Ross, a daughter, Imogen Sofie Catherine, a sister for Samuel.

BONHOURE - On 16th January 1995 in Bordeaux, to Fiona (née Call) and Philippe, a daughter, Charlotte Hele, a sister for Louis Iskandar.

BURVILL - On 10th January, to Caroline and Simon, a daughter, Romilly Elizabeth.

CHILD - On January 13th 1995, to Linda (née Reid) and Nick, a daughter, Bethany Lois, a sister for Kieran.

CRAWLEY - On January 16th, in Harare, to Lucy (née Pepplatt) and Nick, a son, Roscoe Benedict, a brother for Seth and Harry.

FARRER - On 16th January 1995, to Maria (née Bowlby) and Philip, a daughter, Rosanna Maria Elizabeth, a sister for Beatrice, Katie and Tara.

FURBY - On January 15th, at Winchester Hospital, to Joanne (née Smithard) and David, a son, Oliver Samuel Morgan, a brother for Hannah.

GRAY - On January 13th 1995, to Pamela (née Kelly) and Sandy, a son (Henry).

JESS - On 15th January 1995, at The Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow, to Howard and Carol (née Craig), a son, Adam, a brother for David. Thanks to all staff for their skill and care.

KEPHART - Matthew Merrill at Wellington Hospital on January 13th, to Debbie and Scott, brother of Jack.

McCORQUODALE - On January 15th, at Birmingham Heartlands hospital, to Elizabeth-Ann and David, a son (Felix), a brother for Hector.

McWHIRTER - On 13th January, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Fraser) and Anthony, a daughter, Amelia Caroline and a son, George Sheridan, a brother and sister for Katherine and Theodore.

OATTS - On 12th January, to Liz (née Clarke) and Andrew, a daughter, Georgina Alice Mary.

REIDY - On January 12th, to Rosemary (née Nyland) and Michael, a son, Henry Nicholas Philip, a brother to Frederick.

SAYWELL - On January 11th 1995, to Emma (née Gascoine) and Andrew, a son, Luke Harrison.

SHAW - On January 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Martina and Markus, a son, Clemens, a brother for Sofie and Andreas.

BIRTHS

STOODLEY - On January 17th at Guys Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Bailey) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Grace May.

THOMAS - On Monday 16th January at home, to Mandy and Hugh, a second son, Jonty Turner.

WALSH - On January 13th 1995, to Annabel (née Grey) and James, a daughter, Emma Clare.

WELDON - On 14th January, to Clare (née Hedges) and Robert, a son, Edward Arthur.

WOTTON - On January 18th 1995, to Joanna (née Morgan-Grenville) and John, a daughter, Iona.

MARRIAGES

MAGNIER:WINGFIELD - *On* 4th January 1995, in Gibraltar, of Peter Joseph, son of the late Mr. Thomas Magnier and Mrs F.R. Stockwell and Elizabeth Jane, daughter of the late Major E.W.R. Wingfield and Lady Norah Wingfield.

DEATHS

AB IFOR - Gwynn, on January 16th 1995, peacefully at Bodawen Nursing Home, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, in his 73rd year. Service at Bangor Crematorium on Friday January 20th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations gratefully received towards the R.S.P.B or the R.N.L.I. c/o W.O. Williams, Funeral Director, Rose & Cecil, Llanedwen, Anglesey tel. Brynsiencyn (0248) 430312.

ARTHUR - Peacefully on 14th January 1995, Olive Bushby of Northaw, Herts., in her 101st year. Cremation private.

AUCHINCLOSS - Suddenly on 16th January 1995, Jean. Dearly loved wife of Ralph. Loving mother of Jeanette, Letitia, Ralph and Richard and adored grandmother of Stewart, Catherine, Charles, Elizabeth, Antonia, Sarah, Jane, Alasdair, Emily and Lucy. For funeral details contact L. Fulcher Funeral Directors. (01284) 754049.

DEATHS

BLEASDALE - Frederick E., former Principal of Runshaw College, Leyland, Lancs. Devoted husband of the late Margaret, dear friend of so many. Died in hospital after a short illness on 15th January 1995. Funeral Service St James Church, Moss Side, Leyland, Friday January 20th at 11 am, followed by committal at Preston Crematorium 12.15pm. Donations, if desired, to Rotary Charities c/o John Brown, Springfield House, 41-45 Chapel Brow, Leyland, PR5 2NH. Enquiries (01772) 453727.

BOWEN - Anthony, on Friday 13th January, in London. He will be sadly missed by his wife Nancy, sister Carmen and children John, Margarita, Christina and Carmen, and by all other members of the family, and all of his friends.

BROOMHALL - On January 13th 1995, at Wycombe General Hospital, in his 98th year, Major General William Maurice Broomhall C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E. (Royal Engineers retired), only child of late Alfred Edward Broomhall and Florence Broomhall (née Chalk), of London, Colditz and latterly Beaconsfield, where he made his home with his cousin Susan, who will greatly miss him. All enquiries to David Field c/o Batchelors Solicitors, Outer Temple, 222 The Strand, London, tel: (0171) 353-5134.

BROWN - On January 14th, peacefully at Swan Lodge Nursing Home, Wallsend, Brian Alan Brown aged 91, of Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear. Funeral Service at the Church of Holy Saviour, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, on Tuesday January 24th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Tynemouth Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries E. Turnbull & Son, Albion Road, North Shields, tel: (091) 257-1201.

BUTTON - (née Gentley) on 16th January 1995, Margaret Helen, professionally known as Margaret Leona, aged 88 years. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 25th January at 2 pm. No mourning, family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Champernowne Trust or J.N.F. Charitable Trust c/o T.H. Sanders, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2NA.

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CARMILLERI - Professor Arthur P., Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Died 14th January 1995. Leaves his beloved wife Cora (née Agius-Ferrante) and his children Corinne and Michael. Funeral Service at St Edmund's R.C. Church, The Avenue, Southampton, on Friday 20th January at 1.30pm. Donations if wished to 'The Roof Fund St Vincent de Paul Church, Southampton' c/o the funeral directors. Further enquiries to J. Lawrence & Sons (Undertakers) Ltd., 17 St Denys Road, Southampton, SO17 2GN, tel: (0703) 554901.

CASTLE - Kenyon Graham M.C. M.M. Memorial Service now at 4 pm on Friday 20th January 1995, not as previously published.

CHRISTENSEN - Suddenly on January 12th 1995, Poul Christian, beloved husband, and father of Marie Elisabeth (Mali), Jakob and Chrispian and brother of Inga. Funeral *Friday January 20th at 1 pm* at St Katharines Church, Regents Park. Instead of flowers, please think of your favourite charity.

CORBETT - *On 15th January* 1995, peacefully in hospital, Richard Jollan, aged 85. Beloved husband of Anne. Funeral Service at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday 20th January 1995 at 2.45 pm. Flowers, or donations to St Catherine's Hospice, may be sent c/o Masters & Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2LB. (01444) 482107.

DENNIS - On 14th January peacefully in Brighton, Clive Gardner, formerly Town Clerk of Chingford and Bexley and latterly Solicitor in Ashford. Beloved father of Valerie, Anthony and Geoffrey and grandfather. Funeral Service at Charing Crematorium, Ashford, Kent, on Friday 20th January at 12.40 pm. Donations if desired to Friends of Willesborough Windmill, c/o Derriman & Haynes, 56 Ladies Mile Road, Patcham, Brighton BN1 8QF.

FRASER - *Dorothy Joyce.* On 9th January 1995. Sister of Mabel (Grenier) McNee deceased & loved aunt of Helen McNee. W. Australia.

FREEMAN - On January 16th 1995, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Lawrence William, aged 68, of Letchworth. Beloved husband of Joan and loving father of Leisa. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Baldock Road, Letchworth, on Wednesday January 25th 1995 at 12 noon. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to Parkinson's Disease Research Society c/o E.H. Crouch Funeral Directors, 52 Station Road, Letchworth, tel: (0462) 682868.

DEATHS

FRIEDMAN - Philippa, peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, on January 14th 1995, aged 89 years. Dear friend of Sylvie and George Spenceley. The funeral service will take place at the Oxford Crematorium on Friday January 20th 1995 at 1.15pm. Donations, if desired, to Invalids-at-Home, 17 Lapstone Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, HA3 0EB.

GIBSON - Peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, on Saturday 14th January 1995, Sir Alexander Drummond Gibson C.B.E., beloved husband of Veronica (née Waggett), father of James, Philip, Johnny and Claire, *father-in-law of Alison* and grandfather of Hannah and Sam. Funeral Service at Glasgow Cathedral on Saturday 21st January at 11.30 am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please. Donations, if so desired, to The Scottish Musician's Benevolent Fund. Cremation thereafter private.

GLASSWELL - Revd. Dr. Mark Errol, died on 14th January 1995, aged 56. Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Hills Road, Cambridge, on Tuesday 24th January at noon, followed by interment at Great Sampford. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, towards the Marie Curie Nurses and the Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge, may be sent to P. Francis & Co. Ltd., Claypits, Bardfield Road, Thaxted, Essex CM6 2LW.

GRIMSHAW - On January 16th 1995, Dorothy, aged 88 years, of Bolton-by-Bowland, mother of Sue and Jeremy, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Anne's Church, Fence, on Monday January 23rd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired for Riverside Court Nursing Home c/o Jean Price, 39 *Downham* Road, Chatburn, nr. Clitheroe, Lancs. BB7 4AU. Enquiries Brian Price Funeral Services tel: (01200) 441297.

HADIDA - Moira, died January 6th 1995, after a long illness borne with much courage. Missed by sons Douglas and Michael, daughter-in-law Clare and grandchildren Antoinette and Richard.

HELLABY - On January 14th, at Seaford, Victor Richard Douglas, Priest, aged 84. Private funeral. By request donations in lieu of flowers to The Childrens Society, Edward Rudolph House, Margery Street, London *WC1X 0JL*.

HULFTEGGER - Harry, on 16th January. Funeral to be held at Acton Scott Church, on Friday 27th January at 2pm.

DEATHS

JARMAN - On Monday 16th January, peacefully at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Mary, aged 87, former President and lifelong member of The British Elkhound Club. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Ronald Jarman, D.S.C., F.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S.I., much loved mother of Colin and Brian, mother-in-law of Julia and Gloria, grandmother of Sarah, Vanessa and Maria and proud "G.G" to Jack, Charlie, Lucas, Megan and Lily. Service of Thanksgiving at 2 pm on Monday 23rd January at St Mary's Parish Church, West Horsley, Surrey, followed by private cremation. Flowers are welcome, *or alternatively a* donation to Sarah's mission "Happy Child", c/o James and Thomas Ltd., 45 East Lane, West Horsley, Surrey.

LATTER - On January 13th, after a brave fight against cancer, Christopher Richard Everard aged 43. Adored husband of Julia, beloved father of Matthew, Thomas and Edward and only son of Pamela and Leslie. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, on Tuesday January 24th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to St Mary's Church.

LAWRENCE - Joseph Dudley, Liberian Ambassador to the Court of St James, 1964 to 1972. On Friday January 13th 1995 at his residence in Reston Virginia. Joseph Dudley Lawrence, beloved husband of Blanche Ottlee Cox: survivors include his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. Wake-keeping will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia (telephone: 703/437-3790), where funeral services will also be held the following day, Saturday January 21st 1995 at 11:00 am. Interment will take place at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon, Virginia. Arrangements by The Green Funeral Home of Herndon, Virginia.

LOW - On January 15th, Jean Barclay, widow of David Winthrope Low O.B.E. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey, at 2.30pm, Wednesday 25th January. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o F.W. Paine, Funeral Directors, 71 Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0DP, tel: (081) 979-5343.

DEATHS

MADGE - On 16th January 1995, at home, Anthony, dearest husband of Elizabeth, adored daddy of Louise and Sarah, beloved son of Peggy and the late Gordon, and irreplaceable brother of Charlie and Susie. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Copford, Colchester, Essex on Friday 20th January 1995 at 12.30pm followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, should be made to the Colchester District Nurses Equipment Fund, or Marie Curie Cancer Care and sent c/o Hunnaball Funeral Services, York House, 41 Mersea Road, Colchester, CO2 7QS, telephone no. (0206) 760049.

MITCHELL COTTS - On January 17th peacefully at Chilton Meadows Nursing Home, Stowmarket, Sir Crichton St., aged 91, much loved father of Susan, Richard, Miranda and Hamish and grandfather of Justin, Ferdie, Petra and Beppo. Private funeral, memorial service to be announced.

PALFREYMAN - On January 16th 1995, peacefully at home after cancer borne with exemplary courage and dignity, G.A.H. (Tony), beloved husband and very special friend of Jane, dear father and stepfather of Tessa and Lucy Palfreyman and Louis Oliver. Funeral, St Helen's Church, Great Oxendon, on Tuesday January 24th at 12.15 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers by his request, but donations for Imperial Cancer Research Fund or L.O.R.O.S. to J. Stamp & Sons Funeral Directors, Market Harborough, Leics., LE16 8AN, tel: (0858) 462524.

PEARSON - On 16th January 1995, Lucy Caroline, whilst on holiday in Goa, dearly loved sister of Anne Sheppard, of Lincoln. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

RIVINGTON - On January 16th, peacefully in hospital, after four years bravely fighting cancer, Irene Anne Halcro (née Hough), aged 68. Dearly loved by her family and friends. Devoted wife of Christopher, mother of Michael, Charlotte and Hugh and grandmother of Clare and Matthew. R.I.P. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints, Hitcham, Suffolk, at 12 noon on Monday January 23rd. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL.

ROBSON - On 16th January, after a long illness bravely borne, Dr. Robert (Bob) Robson, Fellow of Trinity College, brother of Matthew and Jean and brother-in-law of Derek. A private funeral is to be held in Northumberland.

DEATHS

SHUTE - John OBE, Chairman and Founder of International Automotive Design, passed away on January 13th 1995 after a courageous battle against cancer. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by Yvonne, family and friends. A service will be held for him at 2.30pm on Thursday 19th January at St Paul's Church, Chapel Road, Worthing. This will be followed by cremation at 3.20 pm at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations may be made in John's memory to Cancer Research, c/o H D Tribe Ltd. (funeral directors), 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, Sussex.

SOMERFIELD - Stafford William. On 13th January 1995 peacefully in hospital aged 84. Much loved husband of Perelith. Funeral Service at Charing Crematorium at 12 noon on Monday 23rd January. If desired, flowers to Earl and Co., Albemarle Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0HL: or donations to The Newspaper Press Fund, cheques should be made payable to The Newspaper Press Fund and addressed to Mr Peter Evans, Dickens House, 35 Wathen Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1JY.

STOCKWOOD - The Right Reverend Doctor A. Mervyn, died suddenly but peacefully on January 13th 1995 in St Martin's Hospital, Bath. Requiem Mass at 12 noon on *Friday January 27th at All* Saints Church, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol, followed by private cremation. Vespers for the dead will be said at All Saints Church at 5 pm on Wednesday January 25th 1995. No floral tributes at his request, but donations in tribute may be sent to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy at 14 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 6AH or c/o Battens Solicitors, 2 St Paul's Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1LT. A Memorial Service will be held at Southwark Cathedral at a date to be announced.

STONEY - On January 15th 1995, after a long illness bravely and patiently borne, Keith Geoffrey, the dearly loved and loving husband of Mildred and father of Geoffrey. Service at St Stephen's, Dulwich, at 2.15pm on Thursday 26th January 1995. Committal at Beckenham Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Flowers/or donations to A.R.C. c/o W. Uden & Sons Ltd., 375 Lordship Lane, Dulwich SE22.

DEATHS

STUART - Sybil Margaret died at home on Sunday 15th January 1995, after a valiant fight against cancer. Funeral at St James' Church, Burton-in-Kendal, at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 24th January. Instead of flowers, donations please to St John's Hospice, Lancaster LA2 6AW, where she was so wonderfully cared for.

TALLETT - On 14th January, suddenly but peacefully whilst at home in Tunbridge Wells, Diane Helen aged 27 years. A very much loved daughter of Christine and Brian. Sister of Vicki, Sarah, Paul and Andrew. Auntie of Emily. Funeral Service at St Pauls Church, Rusthall, at 1pm on Thursday 26th January, followed by interment in Tunbridge Wells Cemetery. Floral tributes to T.W. Boorman Funeral Services, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, tel: (01892) 541070.

TRUMPER - On 14th January, Ray John Clay, much loved husband of *Naria, father of Julian*, Zoe and Martin, Christine and Michelle, grandfather of Gabriella. Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium, The Ridge, Hastings, on 23rd January at 3 pm. Flowers or donations to the R.N.L.I. Hastings Branch to A.C. Towner Ltd. Funeral Directors, 2 & 4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN37 6NH.

VAN HELLENBERG HUBAR - Our beloved Louis Jozef, on Sunday 15th January at Cromwell Hospital, after a short illness. Funeral Mass at the London Oratory, Brompton Road, at 10.45 am Thursday 19th January. Burial in The Hague, The Netherlands, Friday 20th January. Enquiries tel: 't Stateshuys, The Netherlands (01031) 70 351 4461.

WADE - On January 10th 1995, peacefully, in Lanzarote, Charles Philip Gregory Wade O.B.E., much loved brother of Sybell, uncle, great-uncle and close friend. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Dorking, on Friday January 20th at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Dorking, tel: (0306) 882266.

WALTERS - On January 16th 1995, Suzanne aged 46, after a short illness. Beautiful wife of Geoffrey, everloving mother of James, Lynne and Andrew. Will always be loved and missed. Taken far too soon. Her funeral service takes place at The Odgen Chapel, South West Middlesex Crematorium (Hanworth), Middlesex, Monday 23rd January at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired to: Chevallier Ward, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, c/o F.W. Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex. Tel: 0181 977 1627.

WANKLYN - Neville Henry Edgeworth, passed away peacefully on 15th January 1995 at Llandough Hospital, aged 74 years. Husband of the late Nadine, father of Delyth and grandfather to Zoe and Luke. Neville's wit, humour and community spirit will always be remembered. 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them'. Cremation to be held at Thornhill Crematorium (Cardiff) on Saturday 21st January at 11.30 am. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Tenovus Cancer Research, 11 Whitchurch Road, Cardiff.

WATSON - On January 16th, in London, after a short illness, Alastair. Dearly loved husband of Carol and brother of Sheila. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving to be announced.

WHADCOAT - John Campbell, formerly of Cold Overton, died 15th January aged 61 years. Funeral at Cold Overton Church, Oakham, Rutland, at 2.30pm on 20th January. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Fords of Oakham, tel: (0572) 722554.

WIGGINS - Diana, 12th January in hospital, beloved widow of Norman Wiggins and loving mother of David and Peter. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday 24th January, 3.15 pm. Family flowers only.

WILES - On January 16th 1995, at Ashburton Hospital, Devon, Dr. Leslie Alfred, aged 87 years. Beloved father of Michael and Julia. Cremation at Exeter on Friday January 20th at 1pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for R.N.I.B. (Talking Books Service) on retiring collection or to R.F. Hill Funeral Director, Pounsdgate, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 7PE.

WILLIAMS - On January 16th 1995, peacefully, John Ronald Williams aged 90 years, dearly loved by his sons Gresham and Adrian, by Norma, Marianne and Nicole, and his grandsons Mark, Roddy, Philip and Glyn. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road, at 2.30 pm Tuesday 24th January.

WOOD - Peacefully at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on 15th January 1995 in her 81st year, after a short illness, Catherine, widow of Lt. Col. L. Wood, R.A.M.C., beloved sister of Joyce Peter of Zimbabwe. Funeral Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday 20th January at 2 pm, to which her many friends are invited. No flowers please but a donation in her memory which will be given to nursing charities may be sent to Archibald Campbell & Harley WS, 37 Queen Street, Edinburgh, tel: (0131) 220-3000.

OBITUARIES

LORD SCHON

Lord Schon, industrialist and chairman of the National Research Development Corporation, 1969-79, died in London on January 7 aged 82. He was born in Vienna on May 18, 1912.

HAVING arrived in Britain as a stateless refugee speaking hardly any English in 1939, Frank Schon went on to become one of Britain's most successful industrialists and, in 1976 in the New Year Honours, a life peer. He created Marchon Products, a chemical company which became the leading manufacturer and exporter of the raw material used for detergents and toiletries. In 1966 the company won a Queen's Award to Industry for export performance and Schon was knighted.

His knowledge of the intricacies of financing scientific research and technological development led to his being appointed chairman of the National Research Development Corporation in 1969. The NRDC had been founded 20 years earlier to provide venture capital and specialist services for the promotion of invention and innovation in scientific and technological development. Schon was active in building links between industrial and university research activity during his administration of the NRDC and placed great emphasis on the need for much greater investment in Britain's manufacturing industry. He was also proud of the fact that during his time the NRDC became self-financing.

Frank Schon was the son of an Austrian lawyer and was educated at the Rainer Gymnasium in Vienna. In 1931 he joined a chemicals business with a subsidiary office in Prague dealing with, among other things, synthetic detergents for a German company which was a pioneer in that field. In his spare time he studied law externally at the universities of Prague and Vienna.

He married his wife Trudi in 1936 and, in March 1939, ten days after Hitler's army invaded Czechoslovakia, they escaped to Britain. Nine months later, with a friend Fred Marzillier, Schon registered Marchon Products as a chemicals manufacturing company operating from a small office in London. Bombed out twice during his first year, he borrowed £10 from his brother-in-law and moved to Whitehaven, Cumbria, a depressed region ripe for industrial development, where a number of his fellow refugees had previously settled. Although he had hardly mastered English, let alone the Cumbrian dialect, he felt immediately at home there.

With an investment of a few hundred pounds, he began his business operations from several derelict cottages and the garage of the house which served as office and communal living quarters for the partners and their families. Later they occupied a British Legion hut and eventually started manufacturing in two former warehouses in the town centre.

One of the company's first products was firelighters made from sawdust, naphthalene and pitch — a product much in demand to save wood and paper as a wartime economy measure. Profits from sales were reinvested in plant for chemicals manufacturing. As skilled manpower became available from local ordnance factories at the end of the war, the company began to expand. Its first major process improvement was the installation of a spray dryer in 1946 which enabled it to supply detergents in powder form.

A policy decision was taken not to develop the sale of finished detergents under the Marchon name but to become a self-sufficient and vertically integrated manufacturer of the raw materials for detergents. By the 1950s Marchon had become the leading supplier of the detergent base of shampoos, specialised foaming agents for toothpaste, emulsifiers and oil additives.

A key ingredient of heavy-duty detergent was sulphuric acid and during a shortage of imported supplies of this because of the Korean War, government regulations decreed that it had to be made from the mineral anhydrite rather than imported. Schon discovered that there were deposits of anhydrite underneath the Marchon factory and, aided by government loans, set up a wholly-owned subsidiary, Solway Chemicals, to manufacture sulphuric acid and its co-product, cement.

By the end of 1955 his companies were employing 1,600 workers. A year later Schon initiated the merger of Marchon with its main competitor, Albright & Wilson, remaining chairman and managing director of Marchon and Solway while becoming a director of Albright & Wilson. Ten years later Marchon Products and Solway had more than 2,300 employees and a fleet of ships to transport phosphate rock from Casablanca to the Whitehaven plant.

However, in 1957 Schon strongly opposed plans by the Albright & Wilson board to launch a major phosphorus venture in Newfoundland. When the plans went ahead, he sadly resigned his posts as chairman and managing director of the Marchon and Solway divisions, and all but one of his fellow directors followed suit.

Schon gained no satisfaction from the fact that the Newfoundland project ran into serious technical and ecological problems, draining the company's financial resources and, as a consequence, Albright & Wilson was subsequently taken over by Tenneco of America.

He left Whitehaven and moved his business operations to London. He had been appointed a member of the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation in 1966 and joined the board of the NRDC as a non-executive member in 1967. In the same year he was appointed to the board of Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers (later the Blue Circle Group) and became a founder director of the Overseas Marketing Corporation. For two years from 1968 he was a member of the Minister of Technology's Advisory Council and was created a life peer in 1976, taking the title Baron Schon of Whitehaven

He ended his maiden speech in the House of Lords by saying: "I do not think that you, my Lords, who have been born here, can be conscious of the immense sense of pride that I who came from the Continent with few friends and no resources, feel on this occasion. The debt that I owe to the kindness and humanity of the British people cannot be discharged."

Frank Schon had many cultural and social interests. He was a member of the council of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1959-63, and of the council of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 1963-66. He was chairman of the Cumberland Development Council, 1964-68, and a member of the Northern Economic Planning Council, 1965-68. His hobbies were history, archaeology and golf (he had a respectable handicap, and achieved holes in one on no fewer than three occasions, one of which was a game against Harold Wilson).

Frank Schon's wife died in 1993: he is survived by their two daughters.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL R. M. BROOKER

Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Brooker, travel agent and former member of the Special Operations Executive, died on December 24 in Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, aged 85. He was born in Paris on September 23, 1909.

R. M. BROOKER was chief instructor and then the commandant of Camp X, the first training centre for secret agents to be established in North America during the Second World War. Situated in Canada on the shore of Lake Ontario, the camp, though supposedly secret, soon became an object of curiosity not only to the local inhabitants but to visiting Americans as well.

Richard Melville Brooker — universally known as Bill — was the son of the manager of Thomas Cook's Paris office. He began work for a firm of produce merchants in London's Mincing Lane before joining Nestlé at its headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. He travelled throughout Europe during the 1930s, selling the company's products with considerable success.

He signed up as a private in the Field Security Police on the outbreak of war but his talent was quickly spotted and he was transferred to the Special Operations Executive as an instructor originally at Beaulieu. For a brief period he worked alongside Kim Philby, the traitor and double agent, who described Brooker in his memoirs as "a dynamic salesman type with an inexhaustible armoury of wisecracks and anecdotes".

He was promoted from major to lieutenant-colonel in 1942 and, after leaving Camp X, was seconded to the American Office of Strategic Services, for which he worked in both the United States and in Europe. Official recognition of the part he played came when he was awarded the American Legion of Merit.

After the war he embarked on a successful career in travel, joining the well-established firm of Sir Henry Lunn as managing director and eventually becoming its controlling shareholder. He is credited with having organised the first air package tours from the United Kingdom, chartering Avro Yorks from Skyways for flights to Switzerland.

He sold the firm to Harold Bamberg in 1954 and retired briefly to Montreux, only to emerge a few months later to launch Travellers' Credit Service, a then revolutionary idea which enabled travellers to use a charge card to pay for items. It quickly took off but after a couple of years the American bank involved became alarmed at its rapid growth and refused to raise the credit ceiling; Brooker was eventually forced to sell out.

The card system service was bought by the Hilton Hotel chain and became hugely successful as Carte Blanche. Hilton, in turn, eventually sold its Carte Blanche business — ironically to the same bank which had originally refused to increase its coverage.

During his second retirement, which he spent in New York, Brooker was asked if he could build up tourist awareness of the Commodore Hotel in Manhattan. The hotel representation company, which bore his name, was the first venture of its type in the UK. His other clients included the Bristol in Beirut, the Biltmore in New York and the celebrated Mandarin Hotel in Hong Kong.

In addition, he established a central reservation system for the Esso Motor Hotel chain, which became Europe's first group of its type. He retired finally in 1977 when his company was sold to the Liverpool-based Yeoward Brothers.

As a leading member of the tourist industry, Colonel Brooker was a co-founder of the Association of British Travel Agents, serving on Abta's first council.

He married in 1947 Margaret Cressida Johnston-Scott who survives him together with their two sons.

MIGUEL TORGA

Miguel Torga, Portuguese poet, died in hospital in Coimbra yesterday aged 87. He was born on August 12, 1907.

BORN in the high country of the backward northern province of Tras-os-Montes, Adolfo Correia da Rocha took the pseudonym Torga after the hardy mountain heather which clings to the slopes of his native hills. He added Miguel later as a homage to Cervantes.

For most of his life a practising physician in Coimbra, Miguel Torga has a standing among 20th-century Portuguese poets which is second only to that of the great Fernando Pessoa. But, although he became a city dweller, his heart remained among the peasantry of his rugged birthplace, a region backward even by Portuguese standards. And the one indisputably major novel he wrote is a graphic account of the ruination of a Douro grape harvest.

Besides poetry, novels and the volumes of *Diaries* which poured from his pen from 1941 onwards, Torga also produced a number of fine short stories. These are replete with the animal vigour of hill village life, and recall the tales of the Sicilian Verga in their brilliant harshness and fatalism.

Torga was for more than 30 years considered by his compatriots to be their country's pre-eminent candidate for a Nobel laureateship. But though repeatedly a front-runner he was never to win that coveted prize.

Adolpho Correia da Rocha's parents were country people; the only way they could spare him the harsh life of the Douro labourer was the traditional recourse of sending him to Brazil when he was 12. If this was an exile which required native tenacity to survive, Brazil was also a dazzling country whose tropical luxuriance enhanced his powers of perception.

By working hard on a farm he saved enough money to return in 1923 to Portugal, where he studied medicine at the University of Coimbra.

Not long after his return to Portugal he witnessed the establishment of a dictatorship which was to last for the next fifty years and shape much of his literary life. Torga was among the first to range himself against this repressiveness.

His first book of poems, *Ansiedade* (Anxieties) was published under his own name in 1928. At this time he also collaborated with other young poets on the liberal magazine *Presença* (Presence), but his contributions always retained their own rugged originality. As a poet he was versatile, but meticulous in technique.

In 1936 he demonstrated that a new, major talent had arrived on the Portuguese literary stage with his poetical collection *O outro livro de Job* (The Other Book of Job). It was followed, in 1943, by *Lamentação* (Lamentation) in which the preoccupations of *Ansiedade* were intensified in an outburst of despair against the temporal world.

Optimism — and greater lyricism — returned in subsequent collections: *Libertação* (1944) and *Nihil Sibi* (1948) in which Torga achieves a mood almost of serenity. Indeed, by the time of *Orfeu Rebelde* (Rebel Orpheus, 1958) he had recovered something approaching a youthful fervour.

His harrowing bacchic novel of the Douro vineyards, *Vindima* (Vintage), had appeared in 1945. In 1951 a collection from his volumes of short stories *Bichos* (1940) appeared in English as *Farrusco the Blackbird and Other Stories*. *Bichos* was succeeded throughout the 1940s by several other short story collections, vivid and sympathetic evocations of the lives of the poor and oppressed of the rural north of Portugal. Of several plays he wrote during this decade, *O Paraiso* (Paradise) is perhaps the most effective.

If Torga is regarded as Portugal's greatest poet after Pessoa by an older generation, he is honoured among younger people for his *Diários*, of which there have been 16 volumes published since 1941. These contain poems, social and literary criticism and colourful records of daily life. They are redolent of the harsh life of his native Trás-os-Montes, which for him embodied the whole of reality.

As a poet Torga's work is, above all humane. It helped to keep hope alive during the dark night of dictatorship. For this he is honoured among his countrymen.

His wife Andrée, who was Professor of Portuguese Literature at Coimbra University, survives him.

COLIN BARNES

Colin Barnes, fashion illustrator, died after a heart attack on December 19 aged 60. He was born on March 24, 1934.

COLIN BARNES was one of the few contemporary artists to make a name for himself in the very specialised area of fashion illustration. Working long after the great days of *Vogue* fashion illustration of the 1930s, Barnes helped to revitalise an art form that had come to be seen by magazine editors, certainly from the 1960s onwards and particularly in this country, as a much less desirable alternative to photography. He did this by his energetic handling of new mediums — such as fabric collages or the use of torn paper — and by his bold line drawings and bright colours, in all of which one could detect the strong influence of Matisse.

His work appeared regularly in *Cosmopolitan*, *Vogue* and *Vogue Homme*, as well as in press releases for his friends Bruce Oldfield, Paul Smith and for the shop, Browns. His studio was in Brewer Street, and he preferred the bustle of Soho to the country, which he found intolerable after two days. He lectured on fashion illustration at his old college, St Martin's, and at the Royal College of Art, and he published the student's handbook on the subject, *Fashion Illustration*, in 1988.

Colin Richard Charles Barnes was born in England but spent his early years in Malaya, where his father was a tea planter. He returned to England during the war with his mother (who had fled Singapore with nothing but a trunk full of evening dresses) and was educated at Eastbourne College. As a boy he spent a good deal of time drawing, but he was also fascinated with anything to do with films and Hollywood, being a particular fan of Carmen Miranda. To the end of his life he would visit the cinema two or three times a week.

He tried his hand at dress designing in 1950 but decided to train as an actor instead and was accepted at RADA, although he felt in retrospect that his tutor's single-minded determination to make him a star — Barnes stood out naturally among his classmates at 6ft 4in — probably hindered him in his ambitions rather than helped. He gave up acting, and after a spell working as a salesman at Harrods and Heal's, decided to train properly as an illustrator, enrolling at St Martin's School of Art under Elizabeth Suter in 1965.

As an artist he showed from the start a remarkably assured draughtsman's technique, combined with an eclectic approach to materials, although he particularly liked strong colours. This led him to work very often in gouache, watercolour and pastels.

After leaving college he rented a flat in Paris, magazine editors in Europe at that time being much more willing to take chances on layouts than those in Britain, and was given commissions by French and Italian magazines, such as *Gap*, *Gap Italia* and *Elle*. He also visited Japan, but from the 1980s he was based in London.

In the last few years, by now established at the peak of his profession, he had begun to paint other subjects. He concentrated particularly on the sea, boats — he was fascinated by the luxurious liners of the 1930s — and food.

He lived alone in great comfort, though he had many friends in Soho and in the fashion business.

ON THIS DAY

January 18 1969

Barbara Castle's plan for the future, "In Place of Strife", was never realised, but, ironically, some elements of the White Paper were rescuscitated in the Conservatives' Industrial Relations Act 1971.

Critics hit out at 'blueprint for unions'

Mrs. Castle, Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity, yesterday described the White Paper on industrial relations as "a blueprint for the transformation of collective bargaining". But the document was attacked by both sides of industry.

Two of the main proposals were confirmed as a 28-day "cooling-off period" to avert unofficial strikes, and power for the Government to order a ballot of union members where a big official strike is threatened. An industrial board, empowered to impose fines for breaches of orders issued by the Secretary of State, is to be set up.

The Government also announced that a Commission on Industrial Relations is to be established, with Mr. George Woodcock as chairman.

Industrial board given penalty powers

By Eric Wigham, Labour Correspondent

The White Paper was met with an immediate barrage of criticism from all sides. Mr. A.G. Norman, president of the Confederation of British Industry said the document failed "miserably" in dealing adequately with the problem of unofficial strikes. The Trades Union Congress described some of the proposals as misguided, unacceptable and unworkable, but welcomed others. Its criticism was directed mainly at the proposals for compulsory restraints on strikes, and it was also "by no means enthusiastic" about a plan to establish a state-financed trade union development fund.

But the proposal for the Commission on Industrial Relations, which is designed to improve collective bargain procedures by persuasion, found almost universal approval.

Also Mrs Castle proposes immediately to enter into detailed discussion with those concerned, particularly the TUC and CBI on many of the White Paper's proposals. But legislation is not expected before the autumn.

In the meantime, the Commission on Industrial Relations will have the status of a royal commisson. At the start, it will probably consist of about five members.

The White Paper's main proposals for compulsory restraints on strikes, as forecast, will consist of Government powers to enforce a ballot before a big official strike; to enforce a "conciliation pause" (formerly known as a cooling-off period) in unconstitutional strikes — that is, strikes in breach of procedural agreements for settling disputes; and to make orders to enforce recommendations from the Commission on Industrial Relations in inter-union disputes over recognition.

The maximum conciliation pause, during which unofficial strikers will have to return to work on pain of a fine, will be 28 days, instead of two months as was previously suggested. The Government will give the TUC the opportunity to try to settle inter-union disputes before taking compulsory action.

An industrial board, which will be an arm of the Industrial Court, will have power to impose fines on employers, unions or unofficial strikers.

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Louisa May Alcott's potent lessons in how to be a selfless woman underlie today's endless, headline-grabbing sex wars

Making little women of us all

BRENDA MADDOX

It is not every day that you see Liz Forgan walking about with a copy of *Little Women* under her arm. But it is every day that radio, television and newspapers carry the latest news of the war between the sexes.

The co-pilot who got her thigh pinched in the cockpit, the righteous resignations from misogynist London men's clubs, the effect of angry white males on the recent American elections, the exam results showing girls doing better than boys: the sex war gets more media attention than Chechenia, and is more avidly followed. And its end is nowhere in sight.

Forgan, the BBC's managing director of radio, was clutching the Louisa May Alcott classic last week because she is among a number of prominent British professional women who have been invited to comment on the book, as the third film version makes its way from Hollywood to London. American reaction suggests that this may be the best movie yet made of the story of the four March sisters of Concord, Massachusetts, whose father is absent for the best of 19th-century reasons: he is a chaplain to Northern troops in the American Civil War.

I don't have to re-read *Little Women* — not only because the setting is a mere 40 miles from my own dear birthplace, but because its lessons on how to be a woman are ingrained on my soul.

J'accuse Miss Alcott of making little women of us all. For all its ostensible preaching about women's self-sufficiency, *Little Women* is as politically incorrect as *Penthouse*. Its message is that woman's role is to stand and wait, place her husband above her children, and never let her learning or quick tongue get ahead of her duty to be gentle, subdued and nurturing.

The cruel fate Alcott dished out to the liveliest and best-read of the sisters, Jo (played by tomboyish Katharine Hepburn in 1933 and pert June Allyson in 1949), who has ambitions to write and to travel, was the object lesson. Bold, ambitious women have only themselves to blame if they do not get the trip to Europe or the boy next door.

Both these prizes, in the second volume of the book, go to the youngest sister, vain Amy, concerned only with the shape of her nose and the curl of her yellow hair. The gospel according to Alcott, preached to generations yet unborn: blondes have more fun.

But in Alcott's day Jo and her sisters did not even have the vote. The second feminist war, which broke out in the 1960s, has had a more elusive goal than suffrage: to eradicate the primordial belief that one sex has been put on earth for the service and delectation of the other.

Signs are that, despite some formidable reservations, the British public accepts the need for the end of stereotyping. Letters to *The Times* vie to suggest new collective nouns to cover both sexes. London clubs which refuse to take women now look as fusty as those 1950s advertisements which show housewives ecstatic about the whiteness of their toilet bowls. Advertising itself is a huge battleground.

Last year complaints to the Advertising Standards Authority about the demeaning portrayal of women in advertisements trebled. The new year has begun with the ASA upholding 167 complaints about Sky Television's advertisement for the film *Indecent Proposal*, showing the lower half of a woman's torso clad in black lace briefs, with the line: "The price is right, so they come on down."

Even the staid *Financial Times* seems to acknowledge that it may be treating women as the second sex. On Monday it ran two letters from women complaining about an advertisement of a blonde gazing down at her bursting black 36C Wonderbra and saying "Hello Boys". In a self-searching headline over the letters, the paper asked: "Is the FT gender neutral or for men only?"

This Wonderbra advertisement, however, sums up the ambiguous state of the feminist struggle. Appearing in many papers and on many poster sites, it has won the advertising industry's Campaign of the Year Award for its phenomenal success in selling 25,000 Wonderbras a week. And most of these bras, it is a safe guess, are not being bought by men but by full-chested women, eager to look sexy in black lace.

What do women want, Freud famously asked. Both the power and the ogling. Thanks to the combination of positive discrimination and basic instinct, they are getting both. That's why the angry white males are marching.

In California disaffected males have begun a campaign for a referendum to outlaw positive discrimination in favour of women. Something similar could happen here, as the angry divorced fathers' move against the Child Support Agency shows. One waits with interest to see the reaction if the recommendation of a "focus group" in the BBC Equal Opportunities Department is granted, and the BBC adopts a new target "of 50 per cent women at all levels in network radio".

Let's hope that never happens. Quotas are inherently discriminatory. If I were a disaffected white male, I would start by protesting against the cinema advertisements which show a pair of Levis teasingly unbuttoned and removed from a lean, boyish torso.

Equal means equal: men can be demeaned too.

A clash of TV cultures

The BBC should franchise out its growing commercial activities and keep its licence-fee integrity intact, **David Glencross** says

It has been said that the example of the BBC is what keeps commercial television honest. It is not necessary to indulge in such a degree of self-abasement for commercial television, including its regulator, to acknowledge that the BBC deserves the support of those who care for the independence and quality of British broadcasting. The BBC has earned that support through its programme performance over many years, its patronage of the creative arts and the achievement of its World Service radio.

Yet last week's *Radio Times* had a full-page advertisement for a viewers' competition linking BBC1's *Big Break* and the *Daily Mirror*. Questions are properly being asked whether this kind of tie-in breaches the BBC's Licence Agreement.

Very shortly, the BBC hopes to start its European news and entertainment satellite services partnered by Pearson. These will be commercial services, authorised by the Government, to be financed by advertising and subscription. *Match of the Day's* coverage of the FA Cup Third Round was full of references to Littlewoods' sponsorship of the FA Cup.

All these moves are the latest stages in the BBC's development as a business corporation.

When the Government issued its White Paper, the Independent Television Commission, and other sections of the broadcasting industry, welcomed the continuing commitment to the licence fee. The licence fee is indeed the way to the maintenance of the BBC as a public service broadcaster providing the widest possible range of television and radio programmes nationally, regionally and locally.

The investment in and commitment to programme skills which BBC managements have been able to make are the result of the relative stability of licence-fee funding. It is because the ITC does not wish to see this inherited capital dissipated that it ventured to make some modest proposals about the BBC's commercial activities when it responded to the White Paper.

Both the White Paper, and the BBC's response to it, seek to graft on a commercial ethic. The BBC has always engaged in some commercial activities since the founding of the *Radio Times* in the 1920s. This has remained the BBC's most successful commercial operation.

The BBC has also sold its programmes and developed commercial spin-offs. This turning to account of assets — the BBC's programmes — is right. The profits from programme sales flow back into programme budgets and benefit the public as funders of the BBC.

> The BBC's example keeps commercial television honest

Where the danger lies is in involving BBC assets in a stake in business ventures, whether at home or abroad. The BBC has no risk or equity capital to do that. It acknowledges that it will not use the licence fee for such purposes. Its borrowing power, unlike that of a commercial organisation, is limited by the terms of its Charter.

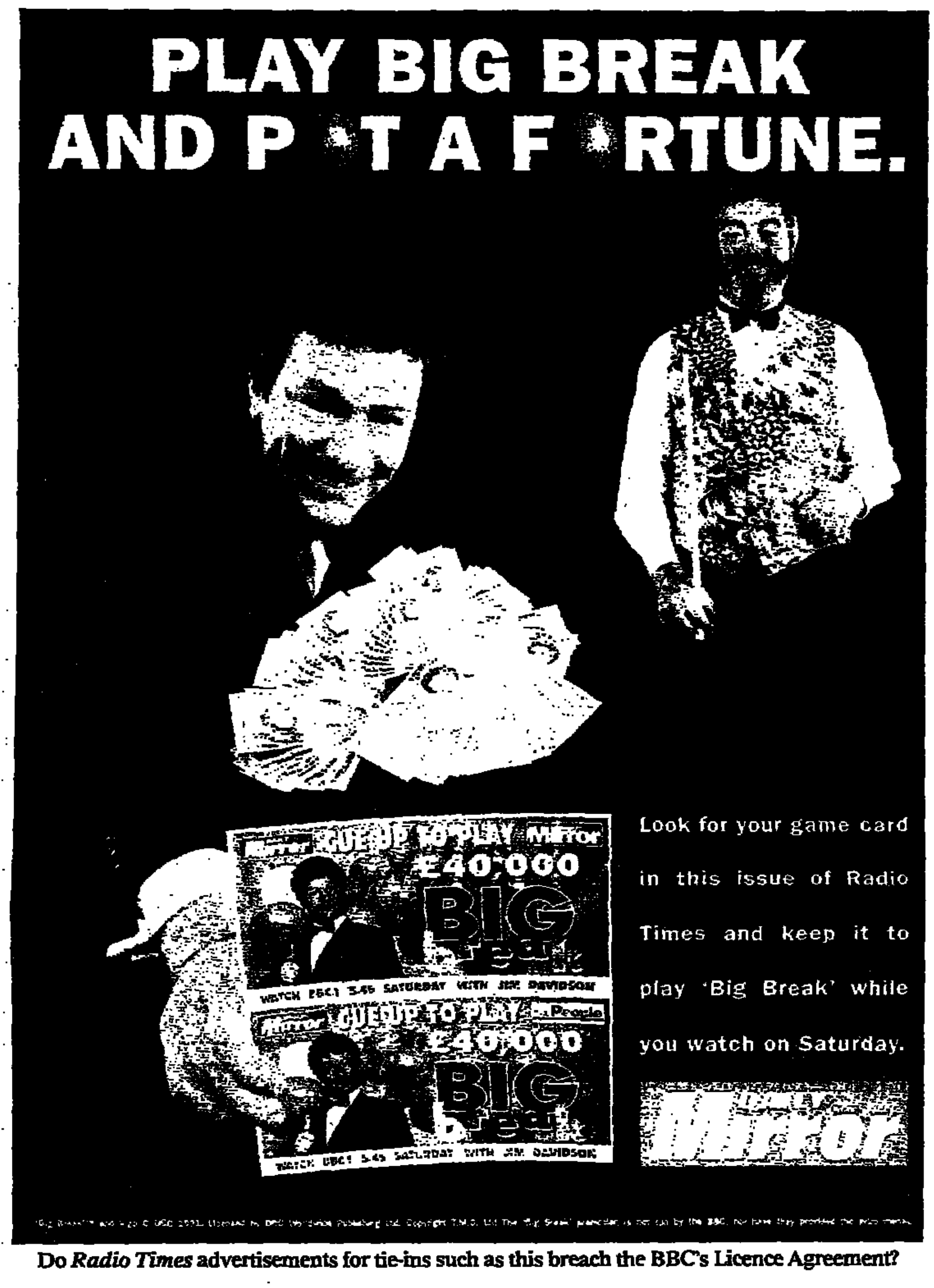
The BBC's target is to treble its income from its commercial activities over the next ten years. If that is achieved it will bring in £200 million a year, representing 15 per cent of its total income. That surplus is not going to be available to any significant degree as risk capital. On the contrary, according to the BBC, it will be a valuable contribution towards maintaining the range and quality of services in the face of rising costs and a flat income from the licence fee.

It is at this point that inevitable tensions will arise within the BBC between those who wish to plough as much as possible back into the licence-funded programmes and those who want further investment in commercial enterprises. There will be a real culture clash.

The ITC suggested in its response to the White Paper that the commercial activities of the BBC should be franchised out by competitive tender. Far from protecting the ITV companies and Channel 4 from commercial competition a franchised operation would have maximum incentive to compete head-on. Far from depriving the BBC of revenue and rights the BBC could structure the agreement and advertise the tender so that the returns to it could take a number of forms. These could involve combinations of a payment up front, annual payments, shares of turnover, and profit-sharing. By harnessing private capital and commercial skills such an approach could maximise the benefit to the licence payer.

It would also greatly ease the problem of transparency in pricing the BBC's product. It would add greatly to the confidence of competitors, and more importantly to the fair trading authorities, if they knew that the BBC's new satellite services and UK Gold were being offered comparable terms of trade to other competing channels.

The BBC has so far won a formidable political battle in persuading the Government of the importance of the licence fee in BBC funding. But, in developing an internal commercial ethos, the case for public funding of what until now has been a very special broadcasting animal will be weakened. If the business does not come up to expectations, disappointing both the Government and the governors, there can be no guarantee that the licence fee will be retained at a sufficient level to plug the shortfall and serve the public as it rightly expects to be served.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Do *Radio Times* advertisements for tie-ins such as this breach the BBC's Licence Agreement?

Good news for Fleet Street

Brian MacArthur reports on the ways to achieve sales of 100m more newspapers

MEDIA pundits have searched for years for really good news to report about national newspapers instead of dismally charting month by month and year by year the slow but steady decline in sales.

Now at last there is something to celebrate. On weekdays in December 1994 average sales of national newspapers were up by 302,000 on the previous year, and on Sundays by 143,000, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulation. That means that 100 million more national newspapers were sold than in 1994.

It is a staggering statistic and reflects the success of the dramatic price reductions by *The Sun* and *The Times* in 1993 — and by *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Independent* last year, when *The Times* again reduced its price to 20p.

The extent of the turnround last year is obvious when set against the trend of the previous five years — when sales on weekdays fell by 1.2 million and on Sundays by 1.1 million. Sales have still not recovered to the level of 1991 and remain nearly a million a day below the pre-recession circulations of 1990.

At least, however, managements have discovered a strategy that has worked in boosting newspaper sales, albeit at a high cost in lost profits which will be accentuated this year with massive increases in the price of newsprint. Newspapers that are priced more competitively have attracted back lost readers, and encouraged existing readers to buy their newspaper and other titles more often.

The two papers that led the price-cutting wars were the most successful last year. *The Times* increased sales by 36 per cent, up by 159,000 copies a day to a daily December sale of 598,600. *The Sun* added 181,000 to end the year at 3,919,000 (up 4.9 per cent). Other successes were the *News of the World* (up 104,000), *The People* (up 86,000), *The Daily Telegraph* (up 44,000) and *The Sunday Telegraph* (up 30,800).

It was a spectacularly successful year for News International, whose five titles sold 115 milllion more papers than in 1993. *The Sun* sold an extra 56 million, *The Times* an extra 49 million, the *News of the World* an extra 5.4 million, *Today* an extra 3.6 million and *The Sunday Times* an extra million.

YET ONE clear rule that emerges from the price-cutting war is that selling more newspapers is not simply a matter of price. *The Daily Telegraph* cut its price and increased sales. *The Independent* cut its price but year-on-year sales still fell. *The Guardian* and the *Financial Times* both increased sales without cutting their price. Both the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Express* increased their price. The *Daily Mail* sold more papers but the *Daily Express* fell back by 94,000.

Cutting prices does not work unless editors produce lively, well-edited papers that new readers want to keep buying. Papers serving niche markets — *The Guardian* and the *FT* — or which show more editorial flair than their rivals — the *Daily Mail* against the *Daily Express* — can succeed at premium prices.

For an industry that is often said to be in terminal decline or about to be destroyed by the Internet, newspapers are showing a remarkable talent for buoyant survival. On most weekdays last year, the British bought more than 14 million national newspapers and 5.5 million regional morning and evening papers. We still read more newspapers than almost any other nation on earth.

WINNERS AND LOSERS IN THE PRICE WARS

NATIONAL DAILIES: AVERAGE SALES

	Dec '94 daily sales	Change against Nov '94	% +/-	Change against Dec '93	% +/-	Market share Group	Market share All
Quality							
The Times	598,611	-7,536	-1.24	159,284	36.26	22.84	4.53
D Telegraph	1,052,963	-18,209	-1.70	44,483	4.41	40.17	7.97
Guardian	398,491	-7,282	-1.80	7,184	1.84	15.12	3.00
Independent	275,980	-14,149	-4.88	-26,007	-8.61	10.53	2.09
Fin Times	297,395	4,213	1.44	3,528	1.20	11.34	2.25
Middle							
Today	552,583	-30,784	-5.27	11,818	2.19	16.58	4.18
D Express	1,264,243	38,833	-2.97	-94,715	-6.97	35.66	9.57
D Mail	1,727,975	-11,098	-0.64	27,241	1.60	48.75	13.08
Popular							
The Sun	3,919,062	-134,212	-3.31	181,874	4.87	55.63	29.66
D Mirror	2,399,598	-81,760	-3.29	-24,768	-1.02	34.05	18.16
The Star	728,481	-16,136	-2.17	-4,914	-0.56	10.31	5.50

Source: ABC

Famous for 15 minutes

TELEVISION audiences rarely watch programmes right through and the viewing figures quoted by broadcasters are usually averages for the whole of the show, *Alexandra Frean writes*. This week's Top Twenty chart, which shows ratings for the most-watched quarter-hour segments for the week ending January 1, demonstrates that the difference between a programme's peak audience over a 15-minute period and its average audience for the whole show can be almost as high as a fifth.

The biggest discrepancy is for BBC1's *Cold Comfort Farm* adaptation, shown on New Year's Day. Twelve million viewers watched for 15 minutes, but only 9.9 million stayed to the 11.10pm end, a 17.5 per cent fall. *Noel's House Party* on BBC1 on December 31, on the other hand, achieved its peak audience, 11.9 million, at 6.30, half an hour after the programme had started. The entire programme was watched by 10.9 million people, a gap of more than 8 per cent.

Audiences for entire programmes are generally smaller than for any quarter-hour segment. When the reverse occurs, it is often because the shows do not quite fit the standard BARB time slots. *Coronation Street* in our chart, for example, was 27 minutes long, starting just after the first standard 15 minute-segment began and ending before the close of the second.

TIMES TV TOP 20 15-MINUTE SEGMENTS

December 26 1994 to January 1 1995

	Programme	Date	15 Mins	Channel	Producer	Genre	All Individuals (Millions) 15 Min Aud	All Individuals (Millions) Prog Aud
1	Auntie's New Bloomers	Sun 01	20.30	BBC1	BBC	Family Show	19.3	17.6
2	Coronation Street	Fri 30	19.30	ITV	Granada TV	Soap	16.9	17.2
3	One Foot In The Grave	Sun 01	21.15	BBC1	BBC	Sit-com	16.8	16.3
4	Strike It Lucky Special	Thu 29	21.00	ITV	Thames TV	Game Show	15.4	14.9
5	EastEnders	Thu 29	19.45	BBC1	BBC	Soap	14.5	15.0
6	Last Of The Summer Wine	Sun 01	19.45	BBC1	BBC	Sit-com	14.2	12.6
7	Catchphrase	Fri 30	19.15	ITV	Action Time	Game Show	14.1	12.9
8	The Bill	Thu 29	20.15	ITV	Thames TV	Drama Serial	13.7	13.4
9	News And Weather	Sun 01	20.45	BBC	BBC News/CA	News	13.5	13.6
10	Kindergarten Cop	Mon 26	20.00	BBC1	Universal Pics	Film	13.6	12.3
11	This is Your Life	Wed 28	19.00	BBC1	Thames TV	Family Show	13.3	11.8
12	Big Break In Wonderland	Tue 27	19.15	BBC1	BBC	Game Show	13.1	12.2
13	Blind Date: 10th Anniversary Show	Sat 31	20.30	ITV	LWT	Family Show	12.5	12.4
14	2 Point 4 Children	Mon 26	20.45	BBC1	BBC	Sit-com	12.5	12.7
15	The National Lottery Live	Sat 31	20.15	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	12.2	12.5
16	Cold Comfort Farm	Sun 01	21.30	BBC1	BBC/Thames	Drama	12.0	9.9
17	Noel's New Year House Party	Sat 31	18.30	BBC1	BBC	Family Show	11.9	10.9
18	You've Been Framed	Fri 30	20.45	ITV	Granada TV	Family Show	11.8	11.7
19	Gladiators	Sat 31	19.45	ITV	LWT	Game Show	11.8	11.1
20	Turner and Hooch	Tue 27	22.00	ITV	Touchstone	Film	11.5	10.9

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Will a new marketing tack succeed for the undisputed leader of the world computer industry?

IBM's big image blues

Two nuns chat happily in a convent. As we zoom in to eavesdrop on their (subtitled) conversation, they are discussing not God or gardening but the merits of Warp, IBM's new operating system software. In this idiosyncratic way the world's biggest computer company sets off a tidal wave of global advertising as it struggles to regain its position as the industry's undisputed leader.

This year, Big Blue will spend at least a third of a billion dollars on advertising, as this ad — and many others like it — appear on television screens in at least 40 countries in five continents, backed by a constant stream of specialist press commercials and direct-marketing initiatives. The campaign is IBM's first concerted drive since its near-downfall two years ago.

But there's a puzzling aspect. At face value, each one of the TV commercials is modest and decidedly unpushy. Another ad, for example, depicts two archetypal beret-wearing Frenchmen pondering IBM's new optical storage systems. It is hardly a hard sell.

And though most companies now launch global campaigns such as this amid maximum public-relations razzmatazz, the computer colossus is playing down its significance. Abbey Kohnstamm, IBM's director of worldwide marketing, has given orders to avoid any hype, says Eddie Bowman, IBM account director at Ogilvy & Mather and the man responsible for coordinating the UK campaign (which starts in two weeks).

This is where IBM's dilemma lies. The company was humiliated before because it failed to keep up with market trends and customers thought it arrogant. Yet its first attempt to respond to these weaknesses led to marketing chaos. Separate specialist product units were created to ensure speedy market reactions and sharp customer focus. However, they were so focused on their particular businesses that often they ended up competing against each other. And, says Mike Mawtus, IBM's UK marketing director, these isolated attempts at advertising created "a cacophony".

IBM was fragmenting. It was becoming less than the sum of its parts.

The new advertising campaign is the first public sign that the struggle by Lou Gerstner, IBM's chief executive, to put the pieces back together is coming to fruition. All the advertising is being created by one global agency, Ogilvy & Mather, which was appointed last June. The specialist business units remain, but another layer, set up to offer integrated solutions to special client problems, has been formed.

It may be deeply unfashionable but Mr Gerstner's message is that in Big Blue's case at least, big is indeed beautiful. IBM's research and development budget is bigger than that of its next five closest rivals' put together. IBM is the only company whose tentacles reach everywhere — from the domestic PC used by games fans to mainframes for international banking and airline ticketing systems.

Mr Gerstner now claims this vast scope as his brand's unique selling point. "Many of our customers want largeness," he says. "They are concerned about dealing with thousands of small-niche players. Our customers want IBM to become the integrating force . . . and we have the skills and resources to do so."

But the strategy is high-risk. Sceptics say that trying to be a global business brand and a consumer brand in every country of the world is almost impossible. But, insists Malcolm Greig, IBM's UK advertising manager: "The IBM brand is elastic enough to provide the same perceptions and attitudes to the person in the street as to the chairman of a global business."

The more IBM draws attention to its size, the more it risks reminding customers why they deserted in the first place.

Entrenched attitudes die hard. One close observer, who asks not to be named, comments: "Customers remember the way IBM was. They want convincing that the leopard has changed its spots." And no advertising campaign, no matter how subtle, can do that.

ALAN MITCHELL

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Two nuns ponder the new religion: the soft sell is part of IBM's new approach

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

1,700 die in Japanese earthquake

■ Rescue teams battled throughout last night to fight fires and search for the dead and missing after Japan's worst earthquake in almost 50 years killed at least 1,709 people and injured more than 6,330.

The quake, which struck at 5.46am, measured 7.2 on the Richter scale and was the first big quake in recent history to hit the Kansai region around Osaka and the port city of Kobe. The Japanese Government announced emergency aid for victims and ordered troops into Kobe to help residents who were fighting fires with buckets of sewer water .... **Pages 1, 12, 13**

Students missing in the devastation

■ Six students from Leeds were unaccounted for as British survivors told how they escaped the devastation. The students were in a party of 25 on an exchange visit .... **Page 1**

Anderson, stateless

The vociferous minority in middle England won a victory when Gerry Anderson, host of Radio 4's most controversial programme, was dumped .... **Page 1**

Fish rebellion

John Major faces another rebellion in the Commons tonight with Eurosceptics, Ulster Unionists *and Cornish MPs threatening to* defy the Government over Spanish fishing rights .... **Page 2**

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A Palestinian woman in her fifties was among three men and two women being questioned by police hunting the bombers of the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish charity in London.............. **Page 3**

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Britain's security and intelligence services are cutting millions of pounds from their budgets after Treasury orders to trim spending by more than 10 per cent **Page 10**

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Russian and Chechen negotiators agreed to a ceasefire to come into effect this evening in an effort to halt the five-week conflict and begin talks...................... **Page 11**

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President Clinton has picked his first public fight with the House Speaker on Newt Gingrich's opposition to the national service programme which the White House began last year.... **Page 15**

Prescott's car not stolen but waiting

■ A Jaguar car reported stolen last week by John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, has been found safe, well and clamped, *but not in the street where he thought he had left it. The car was* taken to a police car pound. Mr Prescott, Labour's former transport spokesman, parked it in Westminster and was unable to find it on his return an hour later.................. **Page 1**

MARTIN KEENE

The Princess of Wales guides the hand of Chris Anderson, 22, to her face during a visit to SeeAbility at Leatherhead, Surrey, yesterday

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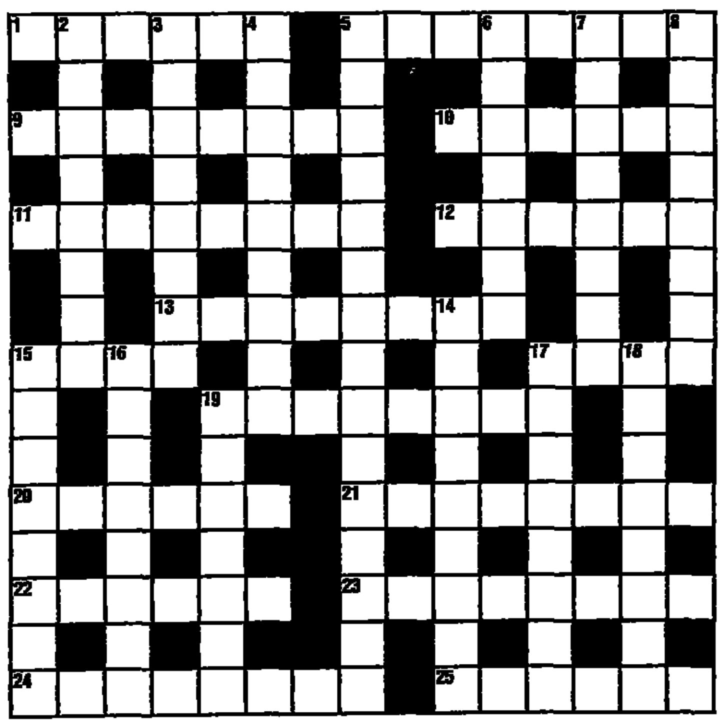

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1 Promise to make the toast (6)
5 Publicises excursion beginning and ending here? (8)
9 Evangelical doctor found Welsh member unenthusiastic (8)
10 Menial runs into a gentleman's gentleman (6)
11 Bogus politician in plot proceeded awkwardly (8)
12 Restaurant in suburb is troopers' retreat (6)
13 Constituent of proteins identified *by Newton originally* (8)
15 Amphibian often seen before March? (4)
17 A noble piece of seaside architecture, say (4)
19 Unseat the assembly? There's murmuring about it (8)
20 Smear heard in Zorba's place (6)
21 Half-hearted composer — a fellow of charm (8)
22 He's hired to dispatch a successful songwriter (3,3)
23 Boy endlessly encroaching on a painter's unlimited time (8)
24 Old college graduate cut the great scholar (8)
25 The sucker that turns up with a plough (6)

DOWN

2 It signals mirth, subsequently stifling an expression of disgust (8)
3 Having visions of retirement? (8)
4 Direction to girl making uniform ornament (9)
5 Like those whose canines are ready for the fight? (5,2,3,5)
6 Place to make lace in a Swiss town (7)
7 Uncle or aunt having the same signature for notes? (8)
8 Explorer causes commotion, keeping unlimited gold (8)
14 Lemon tile, unusually soothing (9)
15 Jack's trendy vessel (8)
16 Chinese, possibly, in Latin or English translation (8)
17 Offensive individual (8)
18 Half of them let loose around club to prepare the defences (8)
19 Hold forth in two cities, in dull surroundings (7)

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Glascarnoch, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Great Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, 1.30in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 1.5hr.

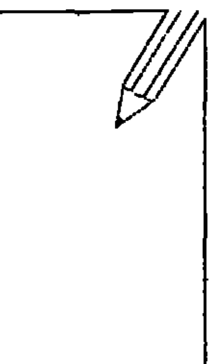
HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.57 am
Sun sets: 4.25 pm

Moon sets 8.15 am
Moon rises 6.47 pm

Last quarter January 24

London 4.25 pm to 7.56 am
Bristol 4.35 pm to 8.06 am
Edinburgh 4.16 pm to 8.30 am
Manchester 4.25 pm to 8.13 am
Penzance 4 52 pm to 8.12 am



☐ **General:** all regions will be unsettled with showers or longer outbreaks of rain. Northwestern parts will be extremely windy, reaching severe gale or even storm force for a time.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, E England, Channel Isles:** any rain will clear, leaving bright or sunny spells with showers. Wind southeasterly, light to moderate. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Central N England, N E England:** clear or sunny spells, a few showers. Wind southeasterly, moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** sunny spells, some showers. Very windy, southeasterly up to severe gale force in exposed parts for a time. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** showers or longer spells of rain, some heavy, perhaps with hail and thunder. Wind southeasterly, strong to gale force. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** remaining unsettled with further rain from the southwest.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	-	0.13	10	50	r
Anglesey	-	0.41	11	52	r
Aspatria	-	0.59	11	52	r
Aviemore	-	0.33	10	50	r
Belfast	-	0.42	5	41	r
Birmingham	-	-	9	48	c
Bognor R	-	-	9	48	c
Bournem'th	0.1	-	10	50	c
Buxton	-	-	8	46	du
Cardiff	0.3	-	11	52	c
Clacton	1.1	-	9	48	c
Colwyn Bay	-	0.41	12	54	r
Cromer	-	-	7	45	c
Doncaster	-	-	10	50	c
Eastbourne	1.9	-	8	46	c
Edinburgh	-	0.13	11	52	g
Eskdalemuir	-	0.52	8	46	sl
Exmouth	-	0.03	12	54	g
Falmouth	X	-	12	54	g
Fishguard	-	0.17	10	50	r
Folkestone	5.5	-	7	45	s
Glasgow	-	0.81	10	50	r
Guernsey	0.8	-	11	52	c
Hastings	3.1	-	8	46	c
Hove	-	-	9	48	du
Hunstanton	0.4	-	8	46	c
Isle of Man	-	0.44	11	52	r
Jersey	-	-	9	48	c
Kinloss	-	0.41	6	43	r
Leeds	0.6	-	11	52	c
Lerwick	-	0.47	5	41	r
Liverpool	0.8	0.05	11	52	r
London	-	-	9	48	c
Lowestoft	2.1	-	7	45	c
Manchester	0.2	-	11	52	c
Margate	X	-	8	46	s
Minehead	-	-	13	55	c
Morecambe	-	0.19	11	52	r
Newcastle	0.1	-	11	52	c
Newquay	-	-	12	54	c
Norwich	-	-	7	45	c
Nottingham	-	-	9	48	c
Oxford	-	0.01	9	48	r
Penzance	-	-	12	54	c
Plymouth	-	0.01	11	52	c
Scarboro'	-	-	11	52	c
Scilly Isles	0.1	0.13	12	54	r
Shanklin	-	-	9	48	c
Shrewsbury	-	-	10	50	c
Southend	3.5	-	9	48	b
Southsea	-	-	9	48	c
Stornoway	-	0.72	4	39	r
Swanage	-	-	9	48	c
Teignmouth	-	-	12	54	c
Tenby	-	0.26	12	54	r
Torquay	-	-	12	54	c
Tynemouth	-	-	10	50	c
Ventnor	-	-	9	48	du
Weymouth	-	-	10	50	c

These are Monday's figures

Ajaccio	12	54	s	C'phagn	2	36	s	Majorca	14	57	f	Rome	10	50	s
Akrotiri	12	54	r	Corfu	12	54	s	Malaga	12	54	f	Salzburg	4	39	s
Alex'dria	16	61	c	Dublin	7	45	r	Malta	13	55	c	S Frisco	9	48	c
Algiers	15	59	s	Dubrovnik	9	48	s	Melb'rne	18	64	d	Santiago	31	88	s
Amst'dm	7	45	s	Faro	17	63	c	Mexico C	17	63	s	S Paulo	33	91	f
Athens	5	41	c	Florence	5	41	s	Miami	22	72	c	Seoul	3	37	s
Bahrain	18	64	s	Frankfurt	1	34	s	Milan	5	41	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bangkok	30	86	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Montreal	3	37	f	St'kholm	3	37	c
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	2	36	s	Moscow	-11	12	sn	Strasb'rg	1	34	s
Barcelona	13	55	c	Gibraltar	15	59	f	Munich	4	39	s	Sydney	27	81	f
Beirut	12	54	s	Helsinki	1	34	c	Nairobi	27	81	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Belgrade	-2	28	f	Hong K	19	66	s	Naples	10	50	s	Tel Aviv	12	54	c
Berlin	3	37	s	Innsbrck	-3	27	s	N Delhi	11	52	c	Tenerife	19	66	s
Bermuda	20	68	s	Istanbul	3	37	f	N York	13	55	r	Tokyo	7	45	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jeddah	27	81	f	Nice	9	48	s	Toronto	0	32	c
Borde'x	13	55	s	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Oslo	3	37	r	Tunis	12	54	f
Brussels	9	48	s	L Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	9	48	f	Valencia	14	57	s
Budapest	-4	25	f	Le Touq't	8	46	s	Peking	4	39	s	Vanc'ver	7	45	c
B Aires	24	75	c	Lisbon	16	61	f	Perth	34	93	s	Venice	6	43	s
Cairo	14	57	s	Locarno	3	37	s	Prague	-3	27	c	Vienna	0	32	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	L Angels	11	52	s	Reykjavik	-7	19	f	Warsaw	-1	30	s
Chicago	2	36	c	Luxembg	4	39	s	Rhodes	9	48	s	Wash'ton	9	48	c
Ch'church	38	82	-	Luxor	16	61	c	Rio de J	32	90	s	Wel'ngton	20	68	s
Cologne	5	41	s	Madrid	7	45	f	Riyadh	24	75	s	Zurich	-5	23	sn

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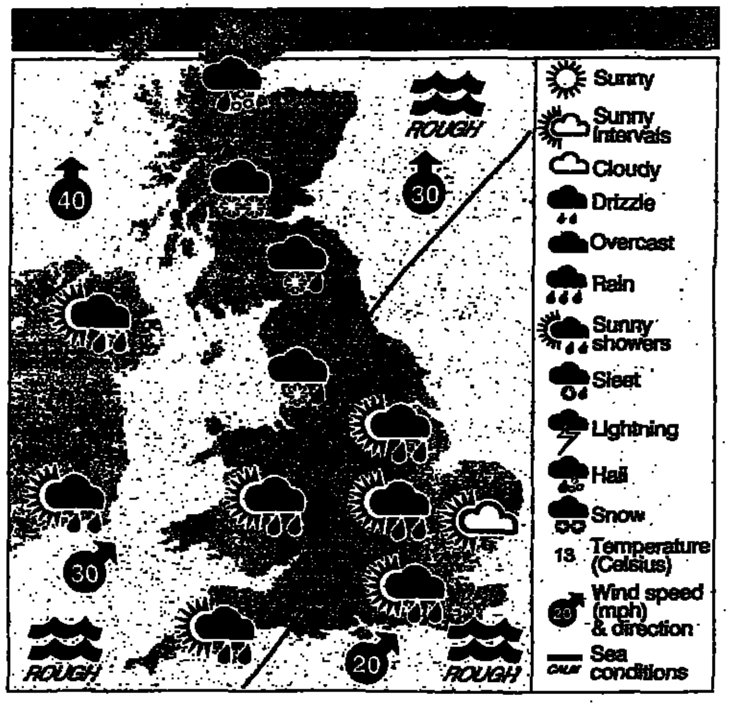

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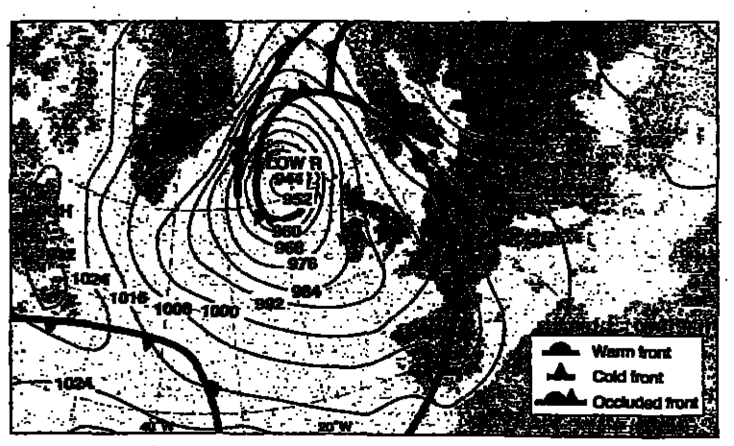

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Aberdeen	2:16	4.17	2:26	4.33	Liverpool	—	—	0:08	9.27
Avonmouth	8:00	12.79	8:22	12.68	Lowestoft	10:40	2.34	10:35	2.55
Belfast	11:53	3.52	—	—	Margate	0:37	4.84	1:01	4.50
Cardiff	7:48	11.60	8:09	11.35	Milford Haven	7:02	6.78	7:22	6.84
Devonport	6:38	5.40	7:02	5.17	Newquay	5:52	6.63	6:09	6.58
Dover	11:51	6.44	—	—	Oban	6:33	3.96	6:58	3.90
Dublin	0:13	3.79	0:31	4.06	Penzance	5:32	5.47	5:50	5.32
Falmouth	5:49	5.07	6:08	4.83	Portland	7:33	2.09	7:59	1.92
Glasgow	1:42	4.28	11:06	3.42	Portsmouth	—	—	0:07	4.59
Harwich	0:28	3.85	0:50	3.86	Shoreham	11:56	6.11	—	—
Holyhead	11:11	5.49	11:32	5.28	Southampton	11:35	4.56	11:57	4.46
Hull	7:08	7.10	7:19	7.49	Swansea	7:18	9.18	7:38	9.07
Ilfracombe	6:48	9.10	7:10	9.03	Tees	4:32	6.00	4:43	6.23
King's Lynn	7:00	6.31	7:15	6.50	Walton-on-Nze	0:14	4.10	0:38	4.10

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Trafalgar to issue listed Grid bond

By Eric Reguly

TRAFALGAR HOUSE yesterday said it has received approval to list a new series of bonds, which would be convertible into shares of the National Grid, on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

It would issue the bonds, known as "Grids", if its offer for Northern Electric succeeds. Northern owns 6.5 per cent of the National Grid, the electricity-transmission network likely to be floated this year.

Trafalgar said that it invented the Grids to give Northern shareholders the option of retaining an interest in the National Grid. Nigel Rich, Trafalgar's chief executive, said that the Grids "unlock for Northern shareholders the underlying value of their interest in the Grid in advance of its flotation".

The bonds would be issued at £2 each and would carry a 6 per cent annual interest rate. Trafalgar would allow them to be exchanged for National Grid shares if it is listed on the London Stock Exchange before April 1997.

Trafalgar's £1.2 billion offer for Northern gives the utility's shareholders the option of taking cash or a combination of cash, Grids and new Trafalgar preference shares. The options are valued between £10.48 and £10.77 a share.

Northern, whose defence document is due early next week, found the Luxembourg listing curious. "We would ask why it has not been possible to list the Grids in London rather than Luxembourg," it said. "Is it because they are so hedged around with uncertainty?"

James Watkins, Trafalgar's legal director, said that the company's stockbroker, Cazenove, recommended Luxembourg. The London exchange would not have allowed their listing. Its rules state that a convertible security cannot trade unless the security itself, National Grid shares in this case, already trades.

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange specialises in Eurobonds and global despository receipts. Issuers are attracted by the exchange's liberal regulations and the country's low tax rates.

Brian Keelan, director of the corporate finance department of Swiss Bank, Trafalgar's bid adviser, said that he expected the Grids to trade on the "grey", or unofficial, market almost immediately.

He said that the £2 price of Grids is an implied value based on Swiss Bank's valuation of the National Grid and Northern's stake in it.

Swiss Bank, using similar earnings multiples attached to the regional electricity companies, estimated the National Grid's worth at £4.8 billion. Its net value drops to £3.8 billion after subtracting an estimated £1 billion of capital gains tax.

Trafalgar's bid, minus the £2 Grids, implies that Northern itself is worth £8.48 a share. A Northern spokesman said that £8.48 "is, quite simply, a derisory valuation". The company yesterday urged shareholders to wait for its analysis of Trafalgar's Grids in its defence document.

Mr Rich said that he had no reason to believe that Professor Stephen Littlechild, Director-General of Electricity Supply, would ask the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to examine Trafalgar's bid. "We continue to believe there aren't any referral issues," he said, noting that competition would not decline if his company won Northern.

Rich: unlock share value

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ROBIN MAYES

Seasonal cheer: Sir Ian MacLaurin, who has been delighted by the Christmas trading figures at Tesco

Tesco enjoys its best Christmas

By Sarah Bagnall

SIR IAN MACLAURIN, chairman of Tesco, yesterday revealed an impressive Christmas trading performance and said "it was the best Christmas we have ever had".

The UK food retailer, the first supermarket chain to report on trading over the festive season, lifted total sales by 15.6 per cent in the four weeks to December 31 and like-for-like sales by 7 per cent.

Sir Ian said the results, achieved in spite of fierce price competition, followed lackhistre sales growth in October and November. He credited the performance to better ranges of Christmas packs and particularly good sales of fresh food, videos and music. Sales benefited from the introduction of leisure goods, such as books and compact discs, in some of its stores. "These are an emerging feature at our stores and have been very successful. They will continue to be introduced during the current year," he said.

The result was in line with City forecasts and the shares fell 1½p to 241½p.

Total sales in the 20 weeks to December 31 rose 12.9 per cent while underlying sales advanced 3.8 per cent — compared with an industry average of about 2 per cent. The strong Christmas sales managed to offset the depressed performance in October and November, which Sir Ian said the theorists put down to lower appetites due to the very warm autumn. Margins came under pressure as prices were cut to maintain volumes. The group said margins were now stabilising, partly reflecting the change in the product mix towards higher margin non-food goods and added-value food products. The City is expecting flat margins for the full year.

The figures exclude the Wm Low stores, acquired for £247 million last August, but the chain is said to be performing well. In France, total sales at Catteau rose 19.5 per cent in the second half of the year and like-for-like sales rose 4.1 per cent.

GrandMet forced to climb down on bond issue rate

By Neil Bennett
Deputy Business Editor

GRAND Metropolitan has been forced into an embarrassing climbdown on the terms of its new $710 million convertible bond issue. The international food and drink group has been forced to lift the interest rate on the bonds by half a percentage point to avoid a boycott of the issue by international investors.

The group had originally suggested the bond, which is intended to finance the £1.7 billion acquisition of Pet, the Mexican food group, would carry an interest rate of 5 to 6 per cent. Yesterday, however, it said the bond would pay a 6.5 per cent coupon.

While US investors were keen to buy the bonds, the response in Britain and Europe is thought to have been cool. Morgan Stanley and SG Warburg, the organisers of the issue, realised at the last minute they would have to improve the terms to ensure sufficient demand.

As a result, the group has been able to increase the size of the issue from an initial $600 million to $710 million, and the bonds have begun trading above their issue price. The extra interest will cost the group $3.55 million a year.

Gerald Corbett, GrandMet's finance director, said yesterday that the turbulence caused by the collapse of the Mexican peso had unsettled the financial markets.

"This is the fifth biggest British convertible issue ever and the second-biggest dollar convertible after Hanson. There are not too many issues like this and they are difficult to price," he said.

He added the issue was still substantially cheaper than bank lending and that it would widen GrandMet's shareholder base when it converts in the year 2000.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3054.4	(-22.3)
Yield	4.22%	
FT-SE A All share	1513.87	(-8.60)
Nikkei	19241.32	(-89.85)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3924.81	(-7.73)*
S&P Composite	469.47	(+0.09)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5¹¹⁄₁₆%*	(unq)
Long Bond	96¹¹⁄₃₂*	(..)
Yield	7.82%*	(..)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6⁷⁄₁₆%	(6⁷⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	101¼	(101⁷⁄₁₆)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5680*	(1.5685)
London:		
$	1.5661	(1.5701)
DM	2.3982	(2.4046)
FFr	8.2920	(8.3100)
SFr	2.0167	(2.0152)
Yen	155.13	(154.56)
£ Index	79.3	(79.3)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.5301*	(1.5313)
FFr	5.2923*	(5.2925)
SFr	1.2865*	(1.2843)
Yen	98.98*	(98.39)
$ Index	62.9	(62.6)
Tokyo close Yen 99.26		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Mar)	$16.65	($16.45)
GOLD		
London close	$379.95	($377.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Mexican wave

The loss of confidence caused by the current turmoil in Mexico is leaving other emerging economies financially vulnerable and could throw their development plans into disarray. Page 29

First Choice leap

The renamed and relaunched Owners Abroad has as First Choice announced a leap in profits from £3.4 million to £16.3 million. After exceptional costs the rise was a more modest £8 million increase from £15 million to £23 million.
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Publishers hail books ruling

THE Publishers Association has hailed as an important victory a ruling by the European Court of Justice which could make way for the resumption of cross-border price maintenance by British book publishers.

The decision overrules a decision by the European Commission in 1988 to ban the imposition of the Net Book Agreement (NBA) on trade between Britain and other countries in the European Union. The NBA is an agreement between publishers, allowing them to impose a minimum resale price on publications sold to booksellers.

The PA now hopes that the legal principles established by the ruling will encourage the Office of Fair Trading to drop its threat of a domestic review of the NBA by the Restrictive Practices Court. But the PA appears to be alone in its hopes that the European Court's decision will hinder the growing campaign for the ending of the NBA. Two of the country's top five publishers have already bowed out, and several smaller publishers have followed their example.

Bill comes too late for savers barred from C&G payout

By Robert Miller and Jonathan Prynn

A BILL introduced in the Commons yesterday has come too late to give hundreds of widows and divorcee savers with the Cheltenham & Gloucester a chance to share in the £1.8 billion bonus payout from the proposed takeover of the building society.

The C&G said last night: "The transfer documents relating to the takeover of the society by Lloyds Bank are at the printers. In fact some of the pages will be printed today. This issue of widows and divorcees being excluded from a payout was very clearly flagged to a succession of ministers."

The spokeswoman added: "It was first publicly aired in 1988 when the Abbey National announced plans to convert to a public company. It's a pity the Government did not act a long time ago."

C&G members will receive the transfer documents and voting forms late next month, before the takeover vote in March.

Under the Building Societies Act 1986, widows and divorcees who are the second named holders on C&G accounts are excluded from the bonus. If the first named holder dies during the qualifying period for bonuses, the other holder loses out.

Douglas French, Conservative MP for Gloucester, said his Building Societies (Joint Account Holders) Bill would bring "fairness and justice" to many people. The Bill is similar, but not identical, to one introduced in the Lords last week by Lord Dubs.

Mr French said: "The next crucial stage of my Bill is the second reading on February 3. If it gets through that then it is the signal for the C&G to revise its voting date and postpone it for up to four months in the interests and fairness of the excluded groups."

The Treasury has nearly completed the second stage of its review of the building society sector. Officials have indicated that further legislation could amend rules relating to second named account holders but a new Act is unlikely before 1996.

Saatchi & Saatchi calls extraordinary meeting

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

SHAREHOLDERS in Saatchi & Saatchi will have the chance to debate the defections from the company, including that of the founder Maurice Saatchi, and the proposed change of name at a special meeting on March 16.

Tom Russell, a non-executives on the board, insisted the defections of key staff and clients had had no effect on the company's finances. "Nothing has changed — there's no need for a profit warning," he said. "We believe the company is still on track."

He said the heavy workload on the remaining executives, including Charles Scott, acting chairman, had required the creation of a special committee including them and the two London-based non-executives, Sir Peter Walters and Clive Gibson.

The committee would consider the impact of possible lawsuits from disgruntled shareholders and corporate governance issues, he said.

Mr Saatchi yesterday issued a High Court writ against the company claiming breach of contract.

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Rank seeks Texas sites for leisure centres

By Neil Bennett
Deputy Business Editor

RANK Organisation, the leisure group, is in talks with Ladbroke to take over some of its Texas Homecare do-it-yourself stores and turn them into bowling and bingo leisure centres.

The talks are taking place in tandem with Ladbroke's complex negotiations to sell Texas to Sainsbury, which wants to merge the rest of the chain into its existing Homebase DIY chain.

But Michael Gifford, Rank's chief executive, is said to be demanding tough terms to take over the Texas stores, which are the least successful in the chain and making substantial losses. He is asking Ladbroke to pay Rank more than £1 million to take over each lease.

Rank is thought to be looking at as many as 20 of Texas's 238 stores. The group has been attracted by their size and substantial car park space.

An average Texas store contains almost 35,000 square foot of space, and Rank hopes they can be transformed to contain bingo halls, bowling alleys and discos under one roof.

Rank would use the cash from Ladbroke to pay for the conversions, allowing it to expand its chain of leisure centres substantially at minimal cost. Rank, like others, is finding it increasingly difficult to win planning permission to develop large out-of-town sites, and its property team have been looking at other ways to develop its business since last year.

The deal, if successful, will greatly improve Ladbroke's chances of selling the remainder of the Texas chain to Sainsbury. Sainsbury is thought to be examining each Texas store and deciding whether they are suitable for conversion into Homebase. By ridding itself of its worst performing stores, Texas will make itself instantly more attractive to any bidder.

Meanwhile reports in the market suggest that Sainsbury will pay considerably less than the £250 million for Texas that was first suggested last week. A price of nearer £200 million is now being mentioned.

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Business supports tougher standards on race

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders will today endorse a new corporate standard on racial equality as a survey of large companies shows that most are failing to translate into action positive policy commitments on race.

Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, will give the support of business to a new standard for companies on race equality at work that will be announced by the Commission for Racial Equality.

CRE leaders are specifically aiming the new standard at business. Herman Ouseley, CRE chairman, says: "Employers are now increasingly aware that, alongside the legal and moral reasons for racial equality, there is a strong business case for taking action to achieve this end."

The CRE's standard, setting out the best ways for business to achieve better levels of racical equality, was drawn up after a survey of 188 large companies by the CRE of practices on race — the first comprehensive survey of large UK firms' commitment to racial equality.

Companies surveyed include Ford, Courtaulds, Vickers, Marks and Spencer, IBM, Shell, T&N, John Laing, Nuclear Electric, McDonald's, the Post Office, BTR, Abbey National, Dixons, GKN, BT, WH Smith, Hanson and GEC.

Mr Ouseley says that while there is a "stated commitment" from large companies to racial equality, there is a "disappointing failure" by many to move from that commitment to action, "despite a widespread recognition of the likely business benefits of doing so." The survey shows that as many as 88 per cent have policies specifically covering racial equality. But only 45 per cent said they either had implemented or were putting into place action programmes to realise their policies. CRE officials believe that this gap is likely to be considerably worse among smaller companies, which make up the majority of businesses in Britain.

While the principal reasons cited by companies for enacting race policies were good practice and staying in line with CRE codes on race, 47 per cent cite the need to broaden their recruitment pool.

The CRE says that at a time when companies are facing "critical" skill shortages, with a third of firms expecting serious shortages over the next decade, companies are realising that they need to look more widely for the talent they need rather than relying on traditional recruitment means. Forty-eight per cent of the companies surveyed said a direct business benefit from racial equality programmes is providing them with a higher calibre of staff.

☐ Signs of greater activity in the labour market come today in two separate surveys suggesting an upturn in the economy. A survey from MSL shows a 42 per cent increase in advertised jobs for senior executives, while a study by Alfred Marks says that pay for core clerical staff rose by 7 per cent last year.

Lloyd's to miss worst of Japanese quake cost

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S insurance industry is likely to escape the brunt of the multi-billion dollar cost of the Japanese earthquake.

Early estimates are that reinsurers, Lloyd's of London and UK insurers among them, will be hit by $4 billion of claims. About half of this could land in the London market. Insurers said to have the greatest exposure are Commerical Union, Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance. They say losses will be limited and the market seems to agree. CU's shares slid 3p to 508p, Royal's 6p to 269p and Sun Alliance 5p to 296p.

Richard Keeling, a leading catastrophe underwriter at Murray Lawrence, a Lloyd's agency, said the UK market's exposure was limited because the "Japanese insurance market is so heavily regulated".

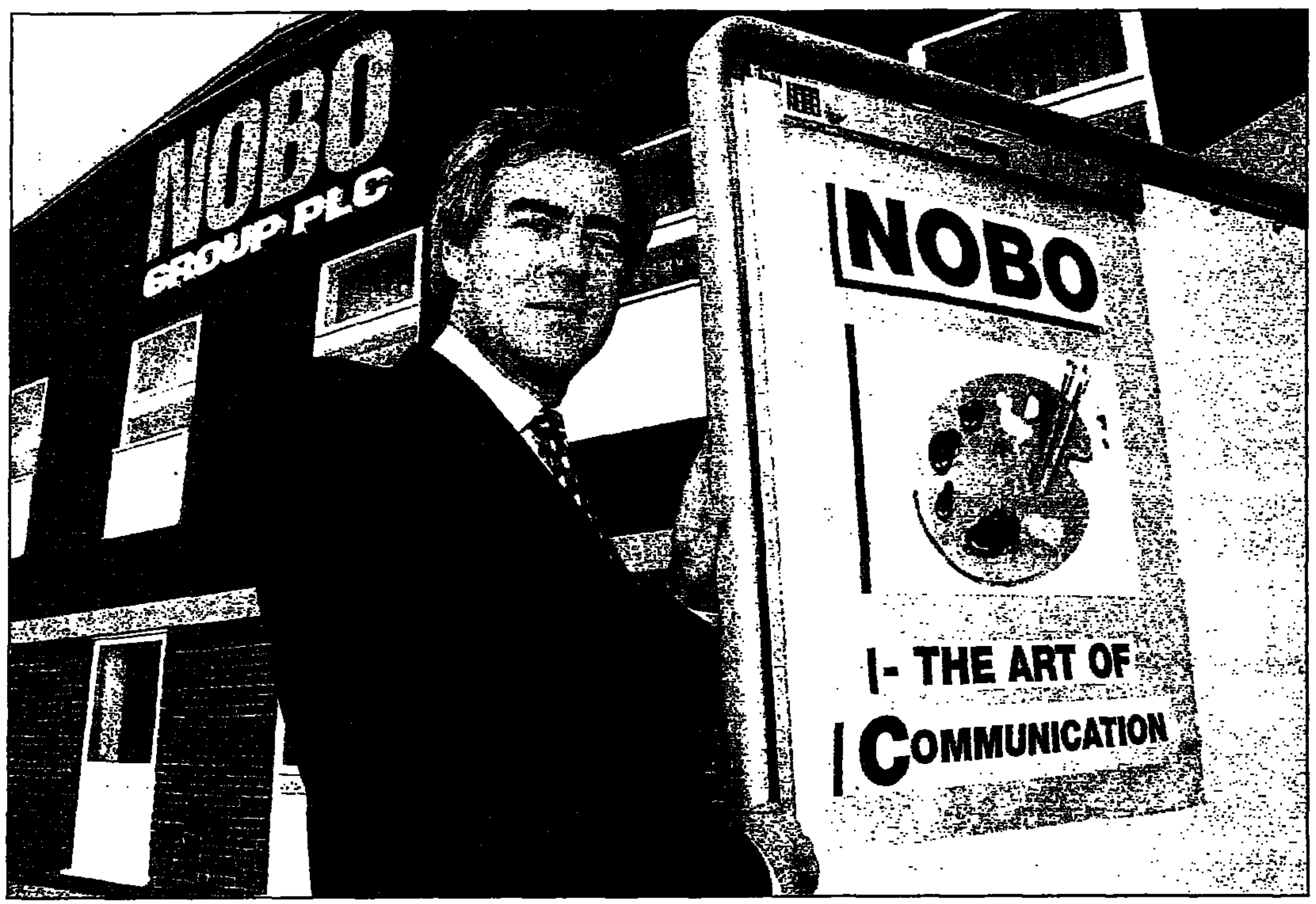
Japanese homeowners and businesses are expected to bear the biggest chunk of the cost of the earthquake that hit Japan on Monday. This reflects the limited supply of insurance cover available there.

The Japanese insurance market is regulated by the Ministry of Finance, with household cover provided by the Government. Commercial property cover is provided by the private sector, but the level of cover insurers there can provide is restricted. As a result, the Government is expected to shoulder a significant proportion of the costs, second only to property owners.

Zenkyorin, the sole Japanese insurer not regulated by the Ministry of Finance, is expected to face billions of dollars of losses, but will pass on about $1 billion of claims to reinsurers.

Fears of an earthquake striking Japan have increased in recent years as has the cost of reinsurance for earthquake cover, and with it the cost of cover.

A representative from Yasuda Fire & Marine told *The Times* last month: "Earthquake reinsurance premiums are increasing drastically all the time because of the growing likelihood of a large and imminent disaster like the 1923 earthquake."



Looking better: Roger Colvin, chief executive of Nobo Group, the manufacturer of specialist visual aids, yesterday unveiled profits 6 per cent higher at £1.02 million for the half-year ended October 31. Earnings were 5.79p, compared with 5.55p last time, and the interim dividend rises to 2.2p from 2p. The company said integration of the French De Visu companies, which were acquired for £6 million in October, is progressing well

John Brown shortlisted for $5bn pipeline study

BY ERIC REGULY

JOHN BROWN, the engineering and construction division of Trafalgar House, is on a shortlist of companies vying to carry out the feasibility study for a $5 billion pipeline from Iran to India, one of the world's biggest gas transmission projects.

The Indian Petroleum Ministry in Delhi has confirmed that John Brown is on the shortlist of bidders. There are three or four other contenders, including engineering groups from Italy, The Netherlands and Germany.

The winner of the feasibility study contract is likely to go on to manage the construction of the pipeline, whose sponsors are the National Iranian Gas Company and the Gas Authority of India.

The pipeline will take gas from the South Pars gasfield in southern Iran, across the Arabian Sea, skirting Pakistan, and into western India.

The gas will be used primarily for electricity generation in India. Industry sources said that John Brown could make use of Northern Electric's electricity-delivery expertise if Trafalgar's £1.2 billion bid for the company succeeds. At the moment, however, the contracts are for the construction of the pipeline only.

Winning the feasibility study would be a major victory for John Brown, whose activities were severely curtailed during the global recession.

The company, with 11,500 employees, is among the top engineering and construction businesses in the world and has considerable pipeline experience. It is currently completing the design of a gas pipeline between Norway and Germany, and has designed a refined-products pipeline in Thailand that was commissioned last year. It has also designed the Morocco section of a pipeline that will take gas from Algeria to Spain.

The feasibility study for the Iran-to-India project would establish the route of the pipeline, its diameter, the number of compression stations, the design of the terminal in India and its total cost, among other things. It would take about ten months to complete. India wants the pipeline finished within five years.

The project's financing arrangements are known. International lenders such as the World Bank are likely to be approached.

John Brown would not comment on its role. Sources said it has been putting a lot of work into the project and has attended meetings between Iranian and Indian officials. The lastest was in the autumn.

☐ **Amec Developments** is the frontrunner to develop a £40 million retail development near the centre of Manchester. Hulme Regeneration, a joint venture company set up by Hulme City Challenge, has chosen Amec, part of the quoted construction group, to build a 300,000 sq ft high street shopping development, plus 250 homes and leisure facilities, near Princess Road, Hulme. The appointment is subject to approval by Manchester City Council.

Welsh woo inward investment

BY IOLA SMITH

ATTRACTING £1.6 billion of inward investment is the Welsh Development Agency's target for the next three years, according to its corporate plan, "Working for Wales". Such investment would create or safeguard 31,000 jobs, and could be achieved by focusing on three priorities, it says.

The first is breaking into new Pacific Rim markets, so that businesses from Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Australia, will be wooed to Wales.

Secondly, the agency wants to continue attracting big projects from countries such as Japan, Germany and the US, which already have large investments in Wales.

Finally, it wants to increase the involvement of Welsh businesses in collaborative agreements with foreign firms.

To meet these targets, the WDA has undergone significant reorganisation, and, during the next three years, it will face major changes in its funding. It will no longer rely on government grants for large sources of income. Instead, much of its budget will be self-generated, through selling substantial amounts of agency-owned land and property. In 1995-96, for example, it will have to raise £113 million — most of its £153 million budget.

The agency will remain active in factory construction and land reclamation. The WDA plans to establish a public/private Welsh Property Partnership to provide 450,000 sq m of factory and office space. Every pound invested by the agency should generate £4 from the private sector.

Recovery brings higher prices

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MANUFACTURERS and wholesalers now have sufficient confidence in the recovery that they are poised to pass on price increases to their customers, according to a survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company.

A survey of 1,800 managing and finance directors found that 73 per cent of firms expect to increase profits over the next few months. Part of the increase is likely to come from prices increases, said Philip Mellor, D&B Senior analyst.

However, Mr Mellor said retailers remain reluctant to pass on price increases. "This suggests that price increases will not feed fully through to the consumer price index during the first quarter of 1995."

The D&B survey suggests that confidence to raise prices is underpinned by firm expectations of rising sales. Some 79 per cent of firms said they expected to see sales increase during the first quarter of 1995. Order books remain strong, with an increased order intake expected by 70 per cent of firms.

The greatest confidence over business prospects was recorded in the east and west Midlands. Companies in London and the South-East were the most optimistic about increasing profitability and the recruitment of new employees. Scottish companies were the least confident, especially with regard to new orders.

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A number-crunching tale of two icons

FROM JAMES MORGAN IN SYDNEY

Gates: stressing importance of home and family

TWO of the world's most powerful men will be in Sydney today — and on one occasion, just a few hundred metres from one another. One is Pope John Paul II, leader of a billion Catholics, the other, Bill Gates, figurehead to billions of computer devotees.

Both men are visiting Sydney today, tomorrow and Friday. Mr Gates, 39, is the multi-billionaire chairman and founder of Microsoft, the United States software company, whose flock could be described as most of the 100 million or so users that run his software on their personal computers.

Both will make public appearances before thousands of people, they will both travel under strict security (though there won't be a Billmobile), and both will meet Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister.

Mr Gates, unlike Pope John Paul, will speak to just 10,500 people in three speeches in the convention centre, which is nothing like the 250,000 Catholics who are expected to attend Mass at Sydney's Randwick racecourse on Thursday.

Just like Pope John Paul, Mr Gates will emphasise the importance of the home and the family in his speeches, because families are his fastest growing market now that he has saturated business with Microsoft's software. Microsoft turns over $5 billion a year, and Mr Gates himself is worth $9 billion.

The Vatican's income is harder to establish, but figures in 1990 showed that its income was $66.5 million, with expenditure of $152.4 million. Donations from around the world covered the deficit, as they did through the last decade.

Though his wealth makes him the second richest man in America, Mr Gates will leave Australia on a commercial flight to Singapore in business class.

Meanwhile, the flying Pope will be on a specially chartered plane as he arrives on a non-commercial flight and leaves on a non-commercial Qantas flight.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Unilever deal lifts Scottish TV shares

SHARES in Scottish Television rose 19p to 445p after the independent television contractor announced it had secured a three-year deal with Unilever, Britain's largest television advertiser. This brings to an end a dispute between the two companies that kept a range of household products off Scottish screens in 1994. Gus Macdonald, managing director of Scottish TV, said: "The new arrangements are on terms which meet the needs of both parties. The three-year deal with our largest advertiser also provides us with an anchor for our revenue until the end of 1997."

Last year, a ruling by the Office of Fair Trading on the maximum size of ITV airtime sales groupings forced Scottish TV to change its advertising sales arrangements. The company's airtime is now handled by TSMS, the largest of the three new ITV sales points. Mr Macdonald said: "After the costly disruptions of last year, we look forward to rebuilding our share of ITV revenue. TSMS's role in negotiating a long-term deal with Unilever inspires confidence and all other major advertisers have also signed up for 1995." Scottish TV took a £2.5 million charge in October against interim profits because of the restructuring of sales arrangements, with the promise of a similar charge to be absorbed in the second half, prompting a 9 per cent fall in the company's share price.

Peso hits Banamex

THE financial crisis unleashed by the peso's devaluation last month caused an otherwise financially healthy National Bank of Mexico (Banamex) to post a $78.8 million loss in 1994. Banamex closed the fourth quarter of last year with a $235 million loss. The Banamex-Accival financial group, which besides the national bank includes a brokerage, currency and real estate services, posted a final-quarter loss last year of $104 million, bringing its overall 1994 profit to $277 million.

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Nadir injunction move

ADMINISTRATORS of the collapsed Polly Peck International (PPI) are seeking injunctions in northern Cyprus to prevent Asil Nadir, the fugitive former chairman, from removing plant and machinery from PPI businesses he still controls there. Chris Barlow, of Coopers & Lybrand, the administrator,said yesterday that the legal action was being taken after reports from Nicosia suggest that Mr Nadir was trying to sell a large piece of plant from one of the PPI companies in northern Cyprus.

Benetton stands by ads

BENETTON, the Italian clothing group, made around 200 billion lire (£80 million) profit last year, according Luciano Benetton, the founder-president. The number of garments sold rose by 12.7 per cent to record 64.5 million, with sales in value terms expected to be higher than in 1993. The company, which for years has attracted protests for its often brutal advertising style, yesterday pledged to fight legal actions brought against it in Germany by retailers who claim that Benetton's poster campaign is damaging their business.

Peel income rises

WEAK bond markets and delay in the return to rental growth are holding back recovery in the commercial property market, said Peel Holdings, the property investment company that owns the Manchester Ship Canal Company. Pre-tax profits rose from £2.2 million to £3 million in the half-year ending September 30. Rental income at Peel was up marginally at £22 million, thanks to a reduction in unlet properties and rent reviews. The interim dividend is increased from 1.3p a share to 1.7p.

Electron pays more

ELECTRON HOUSE, the distributor of electronic components, anticipates growth in its markets of between 15 per cent and 20 per cent in the current year, compared with actual growth of between 20 per cent and 25 per cent in the previous 12 months. Robert Leigh, chairman, said: "All our markets remain buoyant." Half-year pre-tax profit to the end of November rose to £2.49 million (£1.61 million), lifting earnings to 6p a share (3.74p). The interim is up to 1.55p (1.20p).

Photobition to float

PHOTOBITION, a leading supplier of graphics and services to the display industries, is preparing a stock market flotation next month via a share placing with institutional investors through Henderson Crosthwaite. The company is owned by current and former directors, employees and their families as the result of a buyout from the receiver to FKB Group, the former parent, in 1990. The flotation will raise money for the existing owners and to provide funds for future expansion. Photobition operates from sites in London and Bristol.

Wyko back in black

WYKO, the precision engineer, moved back into the black in the six months to October 31 after increasing its share of the UK components distribution business. Pre-tax profits were £737,000, compared with losses of £333,000 previously. The company is restoring the interim dividend, recommending payment of 0.5p a share from earnings of 1.46p, against losses of 1.19p last time. Turnover from continuing operations improved to £26.7 million (£24.4 million). Operating profits were £697,000 (£216,000).

Losses at Platignum

PLATIGNUM, the supplier of stationery products, is passing the interim dividend after incurring losses of £1.4 million in the six months to September 30. This included exceptional charges of £1.3 million against the company's investment in the Olives Paper Mill in Bury, Lancashire, which went into receivership in November. The loss per share was 5.2p. Profits in the first half of the previous year were £398,000 and there was a dividend of 0.28p a share, paid from earnings of 1.7p. Demand for stationery had remained static, Platignum said.

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France Fr	8.75	8.10
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.78	11.78
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
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☐ Repairing Kobe damage will spur growth ☐ Swift gets rail back on track ☐ Why didn't they ask the shareholders earlier?

Japan's economic phoenix

☐ NATURAL disasters in major economies can prove to be important economic shocks too. Unlike the appalling impact on people, these shocks need not be wholly bad. A serious loss of material wealth and productive capacity, if containable, can stimulate increased growth that will soon overtake the loss. That seems likely to happen in Japan, where the world's second most powerful economy is only just beginning a sluggish recovery. Even after the devastation of Kobe and the damage elsewhere in Japan's industrial Midlands, there is plenty of spare capacity.

Initially, the direct impact of the disaster will count most. Insurance losses will be huge. Early *estimates talk of £10 billion but* who can tell? Damage, when measured, may well be very much higher. European reinsurers will bear some catastrophe claims, and Lloyd's takes about £180 million of excess of loss premiums. But the overwhelming burden will fall internally, not least because Japan's domestic insurance industry has been heavily protected. Losses are likely to bear worst on life assurance companies, first because loss of life has been so high and second because many non-life policies carry legal limits on earthquake cover. There is, for instance, no cover for loss of business.

Japanese insurers, whose shares fell nearly as fast as builders' rose yesterday, will have to sell bonds to meet liabilities, though their earthqauke reserves are strong. But Japanese holdings in America's treasury bond market have already been run down, so there may be no big new withdrawal of funds. The main impact on markets abroad is likely to be a negative one: forget any swift return of Japanese money.

In the first quarter, output will suffer, more *from damage to* power and transport infrastructure than direct devastation to factories. A big wave of investment spending should follow: private, municipal and from national government. This will stimulate the economy. Gross domestic product was forecast to grow 2.5 per cent this year, but this was to be powered by consumer spending. Public investment, having been brought forward during recession, was to stagnate and even housebuilding, booked to be the brightest investment sector, was only to grow by 2.8 per cent.

The Bank of Japan may well keep short-term interest rates down to cushion the shock, as slight weakness of the yen implied yesterday, but there will be upward pressure on bond rates as the investment is financed. This should counter any yen weakness as the effects unfold. As the devastated areas recover, there will surely also be a drastic re-examination of earthquake defences leading to much public investment in the more earthquake-prone Tokyo area. As a result of disaster, the Japanese *economy may even recover some* of its old high growth habits in 1996-97 — with attendant higher interest rates and, probably, higher inflation.

Duffers and buffers

☐ JOHN SWIFT, the Rail Regulator, yesterday rescued the government's plan for the privatisation of Britain's railways from disaster.

Although the project remains absurdly fragmented and complex, there is now a financial structure that should ensure the trains continue to run. It may even deliver some benefits for the traveller and the taxpayer.

Mr Swift yesterday announced a new regime for determining the access charges that Railtrack, which owns the tracks and signals, will levy on the 25 franchisees that run the trains. In doing so, he has overturned the preposterous financial demands drawn up by the incompetent egg-heads of the Treasury and Transport Department.

Treasury calls for a 5.1 per cent real rate of return (rising to 8 per cent) on the assets of Railtrack have gone by the board.

Instead, Mr Swift has forced upon the reluctant mandarins a regime of access charges that takes the present situation as its starting point, and manages the costs of operating the railway down, whilst preserving Railtrack's investment plan.

This commonsense approach is designed to deliver the one-off benefits of cost-cutting on the railway to the traveller, and to the Government, through a reduced need for subsidies.

In 1995-96, access charges will have a one-off fall of 8 per cent. This reflects the savings Railtrack expects to achieve in its £1.5 billion annual operating costs *through the switch to contract* maintenance.

For the subsequent five years, Railtrack will be obliged to cut charges by inflation minus 2 per cent each year. Railtrack has estimated that it can cut costs by inflation minus 3 per cent each year, and maintain its £560 million a year investment programme. So Railtrack will have an incentive to reduce costs, but little scope for back-sliding.

By the end of the price control period in 2002, the cost of operating Britain's railway infrastructure should have fallen by 20 per cent.

That saving can either be used to stimulate rail travel, or reduce the continuing level of subsidy by around £150 million a year. Which will Mr Mawhinney and his myopic mandarins choose?

Stable door shut at Saatchi

☐ THOSE Saatchi & Saatchi shareholders sojourning in Tibet and out of the way of the British papers must be wondering if anything untoward has happened at the company. They will shortly have their first detailed statement of affairs from the board, but further clarification will have to wait until the Ides of March.

That ominous date is neatly straddled by the release of the latest financial figures on March 14 and the extraordinary meeting called — rather late in the day, some might opine — two days later. Meanwhile, shareholders will have to make do with the news that a special committee of non-executives has been set up, presumably to stop those surviving executives from feeling too lonely, and that a new, rather less generous share option scheme is to be put in place.

Yesterday's statement sets an extraordinarily complacent tone. Certainly there have been no further defections — although Charles Saatchi's position looks increasingly anomalous. But it is a bit rich of the board to tell shareholders that after a review of recent events it "sees no reason for an additional statement to be made before then".

Shareholders might ask why the egm has been called some time after the the top brass of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising WorldWide have bolted, to be followed by a posse of big clients. They have been deprived of the chance of heading off that sad situation and deciding on the fate of Saatchi and of its former chairman; instead they get a say in the new name. One hopes they will bear this in mind in the spring.

Calling house

☐ RANK'S plan to convert some of the country's least successful DIY sheds into bingo halls and bowling alleys is good news since it offers a cure for the industry's overcapacity. The least successful DIY stores are often in inner city areas, without a hinterland of well-off home improvers. That makes them ideal sites for leisure complexes. If you are fed up with doing up your house, you can always call house instead.

Profit rise at First Choice given cool reception

By Sarah Bagnall

FIRST CHOICE Holidays, the renamed and relaunched Owners Abroad tour operator, yesterday said that its full-year profits were not up to scratch.

The remarks cames as the group unveiled a leap in pretax profits for the year to October 31 from £3.4 million to £16.3 million. Excluding exceptional costs of £7 million in 1994 and £12 million in the previous year, profits rose from £15.4 million to £23.3 million.

Francis Baron, the company's chief executive, said: "Bearing in mind the restructuring of the group and the difficulties surrounding the summer 1994 programme, this result is creditable, although the level of profitability it represents for the year remains, in our opinion, unsatisfactory."

The company has had a stormy past two years, with 1993 seeing a successful defence against an unwelcome bid from the rival Airtours, profits warnings, job losses and a boardroom upheaval. The new management said yesterday that it had successfully managed to resolve two urgent problems: limiting the damage of the uncompetitively priced summer 1994 programmes, which were put in place under the old management, and completing the restructuring and relaunch of the group.

Mr Baron said that performance since the company's relaunch has been encouraging, with sales of holidays for summer 1995 ahead of expectations. Bookings at Christmas were 35 per cent up on last year in a market that has grown by less than 5 per cent over the same period. "Early indications are that we have further improved our market share in the post-Christmas period," Mr Baron said. First Choice said that, since its summer 1995 holidays had gone on sale, its market share had risen from 9 per cent last year to 15 per cent.

The results were broadly in line with market expectations, and the shares remained unchanged at 117p. The restructuring charge of £7 million was about £2 million more than some analysts' forecasts, but the encouraging news on summer 1995 holiday sales offset any slight chagrin.

Group turnover rose by 16 per cent, from £710.2 million to £821.8 million, helped by a first-time contribution of £148.2 million from ITH, the Canadian business acquired in February 1994. Partly offsetting this benefit was the loss of £69.6 million of turnover as a result of the group's withdrawal from seat broking.

The company is paying a final dividend of 2.45p, up from 2.1p last time, which makes a total for the year of 3.85p, up from 3.5p. The dividend, to be distributed on April 12, is being paid out of pre-exceptional earnings of 8.2p a share, up from 4.7p last time.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

Holiday mood: Francis Baron with models Paula Hamilton, left, and Kathy Lloyd yesterday

Lucas fund manager appointed

By Robert Miller

THE former head of UK equities at BZW is to manage the £2.4 billion pension fund of Lucas Industries in-house, the company announced yesterday. Alan Rubenstein succeeds Geoffrey Kettlewell, who retires after 18 years in charge of the fund.

The Lucas pension fund was at the centre of a bitter court dispute between a pensioners' action group and the company over a £150 million pension surplus withdrawn from the fund by Lucas in 1991. Lucas used £60 million to meet a tax liability and £90 million was returned to the company.

Doug Taylor, a retired Lucas employee who led the action group, said yesterday: "We argued that the trust deeds and rules of the Lucas pension fund forbade any monies being taken out by the employer." The High Court ruled in 1993 that Lucas was legally entitled to withdraw the £150 million.

Rates and costs hit US banks

From Our Correspondent in New York

THE annual earnings of several major US banks turned limp yesterday as fourth-quarter figures slumped and analysts blamed high expenses and rising interest rates.

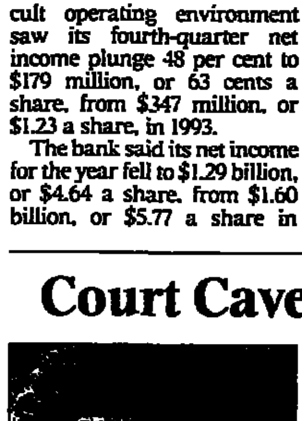
Chemical Bank and Chase Manhattan still managed to earn more than a billion dollars each over 1994, while Bank One's profits dropped for the first time in 26 years.

Chemical Bank said a difficult operating environment saw its fourth-quarter net income plunge 48 per cent to $179 million, or 63 cents a share, from $347 million, or $1.23 a share, in 1993.

The bank said its net income for the year fell to $1.29 billion, or $4.64 a share, from $1.60 billion, or $5.77 a share in 1993. The company blamed a difficult debt trading environment in emerging markets and low year-end activity.

Chase Manhattan said weak trading revenues reduced its fourth-quarter net income by 27 per cent to $229 million, or $1.10 a share, from $313 million, or $1.53 a share, during the same period in 1993. Net income rose to $1.20 billion, or $5.84 a share, from $966 million, or $4.78 a share. Bank One said it earned $1 billion last year, or $2.42 a share, compared to restated 1993 earnings of $1.2 billion, or $2.93 a share. Fourth-quarter income was $64.4 million, or 15 cents per share, compared with $300 million, or 74 cents per share.

Court Cavendish soars



Patel: providing more beds

COURT Cavendish Group, one of Britain's biggest providrs of care for the elderly, and chaired by Dr Chai Patel, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.24 million, from £450,000, in the half year to October 31, with occupancy rates rising to 93.7 per cent, from 91 per cent.

There is an interim dividend of 1.55p, up from 1.35p, payable from earnings per share of 9.5p (2.34p).

The company has 1,697 beds in operation, with planning permission obtained for a further 94 beds on existing sites.

Salisburys chief bags jeweller

By Jon Ashworth

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE, the Sheffield businessman who owns Sock Shop and Salisburys, has added another arm to his fast-growing retail group. Torq, a 69-branch jewellery company based in Guildford, Surrey, has been bought from the administrative receivers for an undisclosed sum. The chain had annual sales of £25 million.

The 45-year-old entrepreneur now presides over a 350-outlet empire with sales of more than £130 million. His holding company, Salisburys Stores, also owns Colibri Lighters, which makes lighters, pens and men's jewellery, and French and Scott, a cosmetics company that trades as French of London. Mr Hinchliffe said: "We had to move quickly to secure a deal which will preserve the good name of the business and maintain continuity of trading and employment. The purchase will fit in well with Salisburys and Sock Shop. The group is now of a size which can produce significant profits."

Further acquisitions are planned. Mr Hinchliffe said there were no immediate plans to take Salisburys to the stock market. He said: "When the time comes that we need to raise some money, we will consider it. I don't think we need to do that at the moment." He was delighted with Christmas trading at his various outlets. Sales at the Salisburys branches were 20 per cent up on last time.

Mr Hinchliffe burst onto the retail scene last August, when he bought the Salisburys accessories-to-luggage chain from Signet Group for £3.2 million. He added Sock Shop in October, making Salisburys Stores one of the UK's largest privately owned retail businesses.

BPB buys £16m plant in Spain

BPB Industries, the plasterboard producer, is expanding further into the Spanish market with the purchase for £16 million of a plant near Zaragoza, north east Spain. BPB accompanied the news with an upbeat trading statement (Martin Waller writes). Jean-Pierre Cuny, the chief executive, said the trend in rising sales volumes the group saw in the first-half had continued.

The plasterboard plant in Spain is BPB's first in that country and has an 18 million sq m a year capacity. Payment will be phased over a five-year period.

M Cuny said the purchase would enable BPB to supply the fast-growing Spanish market more efficiently and would also allow export to southern France. Tempus, page 28

Lower interruptible gas prices for Business Gas customers

Business Gas is a new division of British Gas, dedicated to meeting the needs of the competitive industrial and commercial gas market and of domestic customers who consume more than 73,200 kWh a year.

FI5 Interruptible Contract Gas Schedules - the table below of Scheduled Reference Prices will apply with effect from the meter reading on or nearest to 1st February 1995:

Interruptible Gas								
Volume Band	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Nominated Consumption kWh/Annum	5,861,421 to 14,653,550	14,653,551 to 29,307,100	29,307,101 to 58,614,200	58,614,201 to 146,535,500	146,535,501 to 293,071,000	293,071,001 to 732,677,500	732,677,501 to 1,465,355,000	Greater than 1,465,355,000
Monthly Charge (£)	250	1251	2057	2301	3644	7063	9505	11947
Number of Premises	Pence per kWh							
1	0.795	0.713	0.680	0.675	0.664	0.650	0.646	0.644
2	0.829	0.747	0.714	0.709	0.698	0.684	0.680	0.678
3	-	0.761	0.748	0.743	0.732	0.718	0.714	0.712
4-5	-	0.815	0.782	0.777	0.766	0.752	0.748	0.746
6-10	-	-	0.816	0.811	0.800	0.786	0.782	0.780
11-20	-	-	-	0.845	0.834	0.820	0.816	0.814

Optional Terms:

i) Extend contract to 2 years duration - no extra charge.
ii) Price fixed for: 1 year + 0%
2 year + 3%
iii) Price indexed to 100% HFO for 1 or 2 years - no extra charge.

The actual price paid will depend on the terms of the contract entered into by the customer.

In addition to the above price reductions, the following restrictions no longer apply:

i) The maximum daily consumption of 18,463,473 kWh of gas to a premises.
ii) The requirement that a supply of interruptible gas may not be taken under any FI Schedule at any premises which are the subject of a contract under any LTI Schedule.

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Outstanding year for Chrysler

From Sean Mac Carthaigh
in New York

CHRYSLER, America's third-largest auto manufacturer, trumpeted record annual profits of $3.7 billion yesterday, saying it had had "an outstanding year in 1994 in just about every respect". The previous best 12 months was in 1984. The firm's chairman promised a profits-related payout to employees.

In 1993 the company had a net loss of $2.5 billion, but accounting changes that year produced a one-time reduction in earnings of nearly $5 billion. Three years ago, Chrysler lost $538 million.

In the fourth quarter, Chrysler earned $1.2 billion compared with $777 million in the same period of 1993. Earnings per share were $3.20 for the fourth quarter and $10.11 for all of 1994, compared with $2.11 earned in the quarter and a yearly loss of $7.62 in 1993. The company set sales records for the year in the US as well as 21 other countries.

"We enjoyed record sales worldwide and record earnings. We've fully funded our pension obligations and still surpassed our targeted cash position of $7.5 billion," Robert Eaton, Chrysler chairman and chief executive, said.

He also promised that the company's 80,000 American employees would receive record profit-sharing cheques, worth around two months' salary. "We expect the automotive market to continue to prosper for the near term," he said. He believed 1995 would also be a bumper year for the company and the US car manufacturing business in general. He predicted that moderate interest rate rises by the Fed would not dampen demand.

Chrysler's revenues in 1994 were $52.2 billion ($43.6 billion), while fourth-quarter revenues were $14.3 billion ($12 billion). Chrysler Financial, the company's financing arm, had pre-tax earnings of $315 million ($267 million) in the year.

General Motors and Ford are expected to report similarly good results later in the month. Analysts say the rush to profitability is due to high post-recession demand for cars and trucks, and savings from lay-offs and factory closures.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Pressure on Kingfisher as shares slip again

KINGFISHER chief Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy and his board could find himself under pressure if the expected statement on Christmas trading, due out later today, fails to match that of some of its rivals.

Shares of **Kingfisher** finished 6½p lower at 421p, having fallen from a peak of 778p in the past year as competitive worries have taken their toll. Brokers fear Kingfisher is continuing to find the going tough, with few signs of sales growth at its Woolworth and Comet outlets. They are worried that it could lead to a new round of profit downgradings by brokers. Estimates are pitched at about £350 million

In addition, brokers are worried about the outlook for its B&Q DIY business if speculation proves correct and Sainsbury bids for Ladbroke's Texas Homecare. The DIY market remains intensely competitive, and a merger of Sainsbury's Homecare chain with Texas would knock B&Q from its top slot. **Ladbroke** eased 1p to 173p.

Another faller was **Marks and Spencer**, down 5p at 391½p, with the market hoping that the group will soon give an indication of how it fared during the festive season. Elsewhere in the high street, business boomed for **Tesco** in the run-up to Christmas. However, with little evidence of improved margins and speculation that business has again tailed off, the shares failed to respond to the upbeat statement, finishing 1p cheaper at 242p.

After slowing down during October and November, Tesco sales grew almost 16 per cent in the four weeks ending December with like-for-like sales 7 per cent ahead. In the 20 weeks to the year-end, sales grew almost 13 per cent, providing like-for-like growth of nearly 4 per cent. The group said the integration of William Low, the Scottish supermarket chain it acquired last year, was going according to plan. But the news failed to stir the rest of the sector. **J Sainsbury** finished 3p down at 420p, after going ex-dividend; **Asda** were ½p firmer at 67p; **Kwik Save** 1p lighter at 551p and **William Morrison** 1p better at 142p. Vague talk of a bid from Hanson put **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket group, 3p better at 272p.

B&Q's lead would be ended by a Homecare-Texas merger

The rest of the equity market saw an early lead wiped out, with investors worried again about a possible rise in US interest rates before the end of the month. This followed publication of the latest US industrial production figures which showed a 1 per cent rise in December and wiped out any positive sentiment generated by last week's retail sales figures.

Dealings start this morning in shares of Water Hall Group, which until yesterday traded under the name Starmin. The shares were issued as a placing and open offer to raise £3.1 million and to reduce gearing from 424 per cent to 66 per cent. Further disposals are expected. The shares closed at ¾p.

After several days of impressive gains, investors in London showed little inclination to continue chasing prices higher. An uncertain start on Wall Street left the FT-SE 100 index closing near the low for the day with a fall of 22.3 points at 3,054.4. Trading conditions were once again thin, with only 540 million shares changing hands.

Leaders bore the brunt of futures-related losses, with **Grand Metropolitan** 14p off at 372p, **P&O** 9p at 575p, **RTZ** 10½p at 778p, and **Thorn EMI** 11p at £10.21.

Insurance shares came under early pressure as the widespread destruction caused by the earthquake in Kobe was digested. But their exposure to the tragedy appears light. **Royal** said that the bulk of business at its Osaka office was for motor cover and personal accident, which did not include earthquakes. Royal shares finished 6p lower at 269p, while small losses were also recorded in **Commerical Union**, 3p to 508p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 4p to 172p, and **Sun Alliance**, 5p to 296p.

Cable and Wireless stood out with a rise of 4p to 381p following positive comments from Hoare Govett, the broker. There is also talk that a German company is poised to take a stake in its Mercury telecommunications subsidiary.

SG Warburg put in a late spurt to finish 8p better at 696p following the appearance of a few buyers. One theory doing the rounds in the Square Mile suggests that the City's leading investment banker will not wait too long before deciding the next course of action following its abortive merger talks with Morgan Stanley. By coincidence, **Jupiter Tyndall**, which until a few weeks ago was seen as a possible takeover target for Warburg, firmed 2p to 379p.

Saatchi & Saatchi continued to claw back some lost ground, rising 7p to 118p. The company has called an extraordinary meeting to consider changing its name.

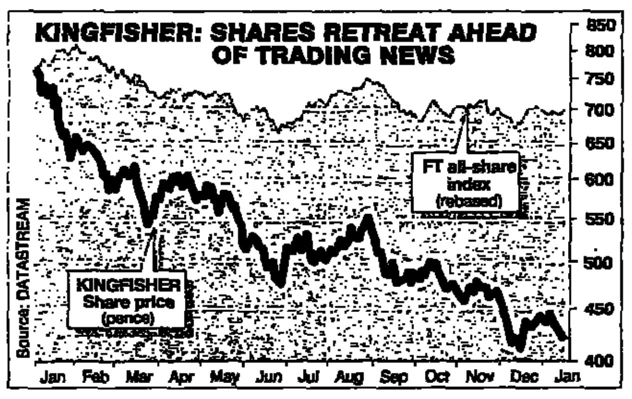
Tadpole Technology, the portable computer group, remained in free fall, losing 44p to 208p following Monday's profits warning. It stretches the deficit of the past two days to 126p. The group warned that product delivery delays would increase losses in the first quarter to £2.5 million compared with the £1.8 million originally budgeted.

A Beckman, the textiles group, jumped 8p to 46p in a thin market as 15 per cent of the company were traded at a hefty premium to the ruling price. A total of 1.8 million shares changed hands at 45p, but with several cross-holdings listed on the share register, the identity of the seller last night was a mystery.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts came under pressure after a cautious start but prices went better after the Bank of England announced details of the latest auction of £2 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015. There was little real follow-through, and prices showed signs of turning easier.

In the futures pit, the March serie of the Long Gilt traded in narrow limits before ending a couple of ticks easier at £101¼ as 40,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was unchanged at £103¾, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was a tick easier at £103 1/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were mixed at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average 7.73 points lower at 3,924.61.



KINGFISHER: SHARES RETREAT AHEAD OF TRADING NEWS

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3924.61 (-7.73)
S&P Composite	469.47 (+0.09)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19241.32 (-89.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7606.51 (+102.27)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	413.89 (-1.49)
Sydney:	
AO	1880.6 (+1.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2083.87 (-1.77)
Singapore:	
Straits	2106.04 (-1.35)
Brussels:	
General	7122.50 (-4.82)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1856.94 (-15.87)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	640.80 (-2.90)
London:	
FT 30	2345.0 (-20.6)
FT 100	3054.4 (-22.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	3466.6 (-7.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1325.14 (-7.40)
FT A All-Share	1513.87 (-8.60)
FT Non Financials	1645.33 (-9.28)
FT Gold Mines	211.4 (-8.9)
FT Fixed Interest	109.34 (+0.09)
FT Govt Secs	91.07 (+0.10)
Bargains	21188
SEAQ Volume	540.9m
USM (Datastrm)	147.59 (same)
US$	1.5662 (-0.0038)
German Mark	2.3986 (-0.0004)
Exchange Index	79.3 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2620
£:SDR	n/a
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
BSkyB	254	...
British Assets Gwth	62½	...
Caledonian Media Wts	5½	...
Clydeport	167	...
First Russ Front ($10)	585	-5
Gart Micro Uts (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Investors Capital	87½	...
Invstrs Cap Inc An	37½	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Lazard Birla Ida	53¼	...
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	31½	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	85	...
Pentex Oil	105	...
RM (175)	207	+1
TeleWest Coms (182)	175½	+4
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hewitt n/p (68)	24	...
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	62	+4
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
JD Wetherspoon	486p (+13p)
Waste Mgmt Int	400p (+12p)
Jardine Math	515½p (+14p)
Racal Elect	228p (+10p)
Scot TV	445p (+19p)
Ranger	370p (+10p)
St Ives Group	338p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Tadpole Tech	208p (-44p)
Telspec	364p (-15p)
Assoc Brit Food	578p (-11p)
Grand Met	372p (-14p)
Land Sec	572p (-10½p)
Glaxo	676p (-13p)
BLP Group	130p (-15p)
Carlton Comm	860p (-8p)
EMAP	404p (-12p)
Thomson Corp	765p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Christmas pudding

MEMBERS of the Great British public shook themselves out of their "feel-bad" factor this Christmas with a glass of port and an extra slice of stilton. Tesco's sales figures in December, showing like-for-like growth of 7 per cent, are among the best that the whole food retailing industry has seen in two miserable years. The group's sales growth during the four weeks before Christmas, when supermarket turnover is 50 per cent higher than normal, was enough to offset an otherwise lacklustre autumn.

Tesco's 3.8 per cent like-for-like growth during the last 20 weeks of 1994, and the slight rise in its market share, are proof that it has finally halted the advance of the discount chains. It has also managed to do this without sacrificing any more profit margin. Gross margins rose slightly during the period, in spite of the launch of the New Deal price promotion on branded goods. The recovery in disposable incomes is finally allowing the mainstream supermarket operators to offset the cost of price cuts on their leading items with extra sales of higher-margin goods, such as fresh food and convenience meals.

Christmas does not happen every month, but Tesco shows every sign of carrying this momentum into 1995. At 600,000 sq ft, the group's opening of stores this year will be a quarter down on 1994, but the company will also include Wm Low's Scottish stores in its figures for the first time, so overall sales growth should continue to be well into double figures. If the market begins to worry about Sainsbury's diversification plans, Tesco will become the stock to hold as the food retailing sector returns to fashion.

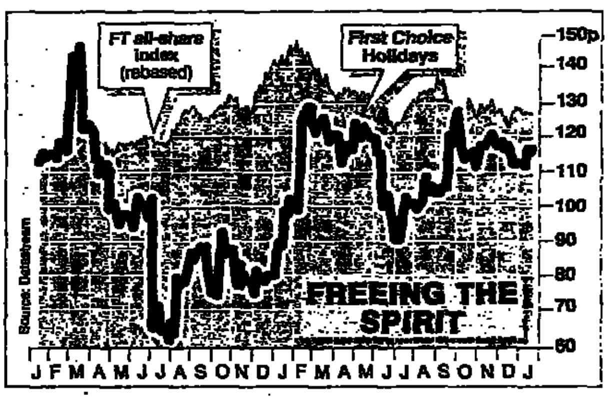
First Choice

TOUR operators are doing so well expanding their own market — the package holidays business is expected to grow 5 per cent this year — that the battle for market share has become more subdued. Open hostility, culminating in the Airtours bid for Owners Abroad in 1992, has given way to elbow-jostling. First Choice, the renamed Owners, is confident it can reclaim a full percentage point of the market without surrendering any precious margin.

The speed at which the new management of First Choice was able to right the company from last year's debacle — the tour operator's pre-Christmas share of the market plunged to 9 per cent — is both a criticism of the inept strategy of their predecessors but also confirmation that all is well on the airborne highways to Tenerife.

Having rebranded the British public into posh Sovereign, middle-class First Choice and the far from spiritual Freespirit, the tour operator is trying to persuade more customers to spurn the UK and buy its foreign product.

Expanding the market does not preclude acquisitions. With the purchase of ITH, the Canadian Group, First Choice took a step towards removing the cyclicality of its business, filling its planes in winter with Canadian sun-seekers. However, ITH is still a small part of the group and an acquisition in New England could improve the balance further.



BPB Industries

BPB Industries may only have been sticking to the strict letter of the Stock Exchange rules, and a jolly good thing too, when it followed a pleasant social evening for analysts with a comment on current trading. But what was said was sufficient to provide a fillip to the share price and further reassurance that the bad days of price squeezes and declining volumes are firmly in the past.

A 12 per cent rise in volumes in the first half to end-September looks set to be replicated at the year end. Even more positive are the company's expectation that the forthcoming round of price rises will actually be achieved, unlike those that came into force last spring.

Already in the pipeline for the summer are a 6 per cent rise in British prices and 10-12 per cent for Germany, a market particularly badly hit last summer, with another 4 per cent for France. While this will clearly have little impact in the current financial year, analysts were confident that pre-tax profits should comfortably reach £160 million for that period, which puts the shares on a little more than 14 times earnings, a little below the sector average.

The Spanish move indicates BPB's willingness to participate in the growth markets as European building pulls out of recession, while gearing in the teens provides it with the flexibility to do so.

GrandMet

THERE was a splattering of egg on the faces of Grand Metropolitan's financial wizards when they were forced to raise the coupon on their $710 million convertible by half a percentage point to placate the institutions that were otherwise turning their noses up. Not many blue chip companies have to sweeten the terms of their paper to attract investors.

The incident has not done GrandMet's reputation or its share price any good at all, since the convertible is being used to fund the acquisition of Pet, which the market remains reserved about.

The bulk of the blame should lie with Warburg and Morgan Stanley who organised the issue. After all, it is their highly paid professionals who should know how to price an issue.

Once memory of this retreat fades, GrandMet should still feel pleased with the issue. The 6.5 per cent coupon is still cheaper than a five-year syndicated loan which could have cost 8.75 per cent. The extra half point on the coupon will only cost the group $3.5 million more a year in interest. For a group of GrandMet's size, that is a relatively minor injury to the insult received from the capital markets.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	987-986	May	1039-1037
May	987-986	Jul	1047-1045
Jul	999-997	Sep	1057-1055
Sep	1009-1008	Dec	1070-1066
Dec	1019-1018		
Mar	1030-1028	Volume:	6615

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2827-2815	Sep	2800-2795
Mar	2840-2838	Nov	2805-2796
May	2803-2800	Jan	2820-2805
Jul	2785-2780	Volume:	3964

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	356.5-54.5
Spot: 398.00		Dec	350.5-48.1
Mar	400.0-99.1	Mar	344.0-41.6
May	396.9-96.0	May	343.9-39.7
Aug	385.5-84.6	Volume:	3616

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.35	115.64	120.75
(+/-)	+1.89	-0.77	-1.36
Eng/Wales:	79.70	115.78	120.41
(+/-)	+2.09	-2.95	-1.53
(%)	-18.0	-21.0	-3.0
Scotland:	72.07	115.05	124.01
(+/-)	-2.18	+8.31	+0.16
(%)	-12.0	-26.0	+1.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.55
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.95	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.65	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.15	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.05	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 163 (+3)	O: 165 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+3)	147 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Feb	147 (+4)	148 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	149 (+3)	151 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	112 (+1)
Naphtha	162 (+2)	164 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	145.25-45.50	May	148.25-48.50
Mar	147.25-47.50	Jun	148.50-48.75
Apr	148.00-48.25	Vol:	24848

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	16.64-16.65	Jun	16.40 BID
Apr	16.49-16.52	Jul	16.36-16.44
May	16.45 BID	Vol:	29537

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	108.25	Jan	104.15
Mar	108.95	Mar	105.50
May	110.70	May	107.15
Jul	112.40	Sep	95.90
Sep	97.65	Nov	98.00
Volume:	344	Volume:	unq

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	300.0	319.5
May	unq	330.0
Jun	...	unq
Volume:		346

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 113.75-114.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2067	2040	2040
Feb 95	2085	2025	2025
Mar 95	2081	2018	2018
Apr 95	3045	1975	1975
Vol: 321 lots		Open Interest:	3873

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol.
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2944.0-2946.0	2955.0-2956.0	2850660
Lead ($/tonne)	646.50-647.00	661.00-662.00	310850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1141.5-1142.0	1167.0-1167.5	963250
Tin ($/tonne)	6135.0-6140.0	6220.0-6225.0	38460
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2046.0-2046.5	2084.0-2085.0	3143575
Nickel ($/tonne)	9555.0-9560.0	9725.0-9730.0	25080

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	40	51½	60	0½	5	11½
(*540)	550	1	19½	29½	16	22	32
Argyll	260	11½	21	26	0½	6	11
(*271½)	280	0½	10	15	9½	14	21½
ASDA	60	7	9	10½	0½	1	2½
(*67)	70	0½	3½	5	4½	5	6
Boots	460	36	48½	55	0	5	10
(*496)	500	1	20½	30	5	15½	26½
Br Airways	360	15	30½	39½	0	10	17½
(*375)	390	0½	15	24½	15	24½	33
BP	420	5	22	31	1½	14	21½
(*424½)	460	0	7	13½	35½	39½	45
Br Steel	140	13	16½	20½	0	2½	5
(*152)	160	0½	6	10	8	12	14½
C & W	360	19½	33½	41	1	9½	15½
(*379½)	390	1	18½	25	10½	22½	30
CU	493	15½	29	—	0½	20½	—
(*507½)	543	0	8½	—	35½	54	—
ICI	750	28½	46	58½	0½	23	27
(*778)	800	0½	19½	34½	23	51	55
Kingfishr	420	4	24	30	2½	14	26½
(*421)	460	0	9	14	39	40½	52½
Land Sec	550	25	39½	47	0½	8	17½
(*574½)	600	0½	13	19½	26	31	45
M & S	390	3	19	24	1½	10	16
(*391½)	420	0	7	11	28½	29½	34½
Nat West	460	25	36	44½	0½	14½	21
(*485)	500	0½	15	25½	17	37	42½
Sainsbury	420	3	21½	29	2½	11½	22
(*420½)	460	0	7	13½	39½	39½	47½
Shell	700	8	26	36½	2	23½	29½
(*706½)	750	0½	7½	17	43½	58	60
Smkl Bch	460	14½	28½	41	1	14	22½
(*473)	500	0½	11½	22	27	36½	44
Storehse	220	8	17	22½	0½	4½	8
(*228)	240	0	7½	12½	12	14½	18
Trafalgar	70	2	7½	9	1	5	4½
(*71½)	80	0	3½	5	8½	11	10½
Unilever	1150	23½	52	70	1	30½	40
(*1173)	1200	0	26½	45	27½	58	67
Zeneca	850	38½	50½	70½	0	21½	30½
(*888½)	900	1½	27½	44½	12½	47½	55

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met.	360	19½	32½	39	3	10½	16
(*373½)	390	5	17	23½	18½	25	31
Ladbroke	160	14½	18	23	1½	6½	9
(*173)	180	3	8	13½	10	16½	19
Utd Bisc	300	20½	26½	31½	2	12½	14½
(*317)	330	4	10½	17	15½	29½	31½

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	475	8½	26½	—	1	12½	—
(*483)	500	0	14½	22½	17	25	31½
Thames W	460	21	36	44	0½	8½	21
(*480½)	500	0½	15	22	20	27½	42½

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	420	39½	47	51½	1½	11½	19
(*456½)	460	9½	21	29	13	30	38½
BTR	300	9½	15½	21½	5½	14½	18
(*303)	330	0½	5	10½	27	35½	37½
Br Aero	448	15½	30	—	12½	26½	—
(*450½)	487	3	14½	—	38½	50½	—
Br Telcm	390	13	25	33	4½	10½	17½
(*397½)	420	1	11	17½	23	26½	33½
Cadbury	390	24½	30½	38½	2½	12	15
(*410)	420	6½	14½	23½	14½	29	30½
Guinness	420	16	35	32	6	19½	19½
(*428½)	460	1½	8	15	32	41	44
GEC	280	12½	21½	26	2½	6½	12
(*289)	300	2½	11	15½	12½	16	22
Hanson	240	9½	15	19½	3	8	12½
(*246)	260	1	6	10½	15	19½	23½
LASMO	140	5½	12	15	3½	7½	9
(*142)	160	0½	4½	7	18	20½	21
Lucas	180	15	20½	25½	1½	6½	9
(*192½)	200	3½	10	15½	10	16	19
Pilkingtn	140	18½	22	25½	0½	1½	4
(*157½)	160	4	9	13½	6	8½	12
Prudential	300	18	23½	29½	2½	12	16
(*314)	330	3	8½	15½	18	29½	33
Redland	420	25½	34½	41½	3½	15½	25
(*440)	460	5	14½	22	23	43	48
R-Royce	160	8	13	17	3	8	10
(*164½)	180	1	5	8½	16	20½	22
Tesco	240	8	15½	18½	4½	10½	13½
(*241½)	260	1½	6½	10	18½	23½	25½
Vodafone	183	18½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*199½)	200	7	14½	19	5½	10½	14
Williams	330	8½	17	22	8	18	20½
(*330)	360	0½	6	10½	30	39½	41

FT-SE INDEX (*3055½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	106	59	20	3	1	1
Feb	138	97½	65	38½	20	10
Mar	151½	115½	85½	61	40½	27
Apr	175	143	114½	90½	70	50½
Jun	—	171½	—	118	—	75½
Puts						
Jan	1	3	16	55	105	155
Feb	18	31½	49	76	111½	155
Mar	37½	52	72½	98½	129	166½
Apr	61	77½	98½	124½	153	186
Jun	—	99	—	146	—	204

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	420	21½	28	35	14	20	27½
(*430)	460	4½	12	18½	42½	46	51½
Amstrad	125	9½	14	—	4	7	—
(*131)	150	1	4½	—	21	22½	—
Barclays	550	45½	54½	63½	8½	18½	26½
(*585)	600	15½	28½	38½	33	43½	51½
Blue Circ	280	15½	22	29	9	18	22½
(*284)	300	7½	13½	19½	20½	30	34½
Br Gas	300	18½	25	28½	6	12½	15½
(*310½)	330	4½	10½	14½	22½	30	32½
Dixons	200	7½	15½	19	10	12½	17½
(*200)	220	2½	8	11	24	26½	31
Forte	240	12½	19	23	6½	13	15½
(*244)	260	4	10	14½	18½	24½	27
Hillsdwn	160	19	21½	23	1	5	7½
(*176½)	180	5½	9	12	7½	15½	17½
Lonrho	140	20	24	27	1½	4	6½
(*159½)	160	6½	12½	16½	8½	12½	15
Sears	100	6½	9	10	3	5½	6
(*102½)	110	2	4½	5½	9	11½	12½
Thrn EMI	1000	45½	72½	84	15	27½	43½
(*1021)	1050	19½	45½	56½	40	51½	69
Tomkins	220	15	23½	26½	4½	8½	11
(*232)	240	4½	13½	17	14½	18½	23
TSB	220	11½	17½	22½	7½	12	15
(*227)	240	3	9	13½	20½	24	26½
Wellcome	650	36½	55	68	24½	38	49½
(*661½)	700	15	33½	46½	55	67	77½

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	650	26½	48	64	0½	21½	30½
(*676)	700	0½	24½	39½	24½	48½	57
HSBC	650	10	37½	50½	2	34	44
(*658½)	700	0	16½	30½	41½	67½	75½
Reuter	420	20½	33½	41½	0½	12	15½
(*440)	460	0½	14½	23	20½	32½	36½

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins	260	15	22	28½	4	14	16½
(*269)	280	5½	13	17½	14½	29½	27½

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	100	12½	16½	19½	3	6½	7½
(*108)	110	7½	11½	15	7	11½	12½

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastern Gp	700	42½	68	83	5½	17½	34½
(*734)	750	12½	39½	55½	26	43	58½

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	38½	49½	54½	5½	15½	20
(*487)	500	14½	26½	33½	22½	34½	39
Scot Pwr	330	16	28	32	10½	17	23
(*339½)	360	4½	15	18½	29½	34	40

January 17, 1995 Tot: 41291 Call: 19194 Put: 22097 FT-SE Call: 5284 Put: 8061

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3109.0	3113.0	3063.0	3065.0	13596
Previous open interest: 61549	Jun 95	3096.5	3096.5	3086.0	3076.0	2
FT-SE 250	Mar 95				3490.0	0
Previous open interest: 3947	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.91	92.92	92.85	92.88	20625
Previous open interest: 408019	Jun 95	92.21	92.22	92.13	92.16	15615
	Sep 95	91.71	91.73	91.63	91.67	6771
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95	93.31	93.31	93.31	93.34	100
Previous open interest: 2146	Jun 95				92.53	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.62	94.63	94.57	94.59	26050
Previous open interest: 678085	Jun 95	94.21	94.22	94.15	94.16	32172
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-13	101-17	101-04	101-08	40534
Previous open interest: 94714	Jun 95	101-21	101-21	101-16	101-11	70
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	107.89	108.09	107.87	107.95	3190
	Jun 95				107.25	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	89.71	89.95	89.36	89.46	139725
Previous open interest: 195220	Jun 95	89.23	89.35	88.90	88.89	1431
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.41	93.45	93.39	93.40	1530
Previous open interest: 21710	Jun 95	92.92	92.95	92.88	92.90	848
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.66	95.66	95.62	95.64	3536
Previous open interest: 41066	Jun 95	95.34	95.34	95.30	95.32	1021
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.70	100.10	98.80	99.50	47797
Previous open interest: 49834	Jun 95				98.65	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 29/32; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 15/16-5¾	6⅛-6	6 5/16-6¼	6 29/32-6 27/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6 13/32-6 9/32	6 31/32-6 27/32	7½-7⅜
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6 11/32-6 9/32	6 31/32-6 27/32	7½-7⅜

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6¼	6¾	7⅜
Sterling CDs:	6 1/16-5 31/32	6¼-6⅛	6½-6 3/16	6 25/32-6 23/32	7 11/32-7 9/32
Dollar CDs:	5.76	n/a	6.16	6.59	7.28
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6 29/32-6¾	7½-7⅜

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5 29/32-5 25/32	6⅛-6	6 21/32-6 17/32	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4⅝	4 29/32-4 25/32	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5 9/16-5 7/16	5⅝-5½	5 15/16-5 13/16	6⅛-6⅛	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3 13/16-3 9/16	3⅞-3¾	4 1/16-3 15/16	4 3/16-4 1/16	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅛-2¼	2 5/16-2 3/16	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.80-378.20 Close: $379.70-380.20 High: $380.00-380.50 Low: $377.10-377.60 AM: $377.90 PM: $379.80

Krugerrand: $379.50-381.50 (£242.00-244.00)

Platinum: $414.75 (£264.60) Silver: $4.88 (£3.115) Palladium: $154.75 (£98.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6850-2.6915	2.6881-2.6915	1⅛-1⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Brussels	49.32-49.50	49.36-49.46	5-2pr	13-8pr
Copenhagen	9.4340-9.4600	9.4420-9.4560	¼pr-par	¼pr-par
Dublin	1.0085-1.0120	1.0088-1.0115	5-2pr	9-4pr
Frankfurt	2.3945-2.4007	2.3966-2.3998	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Lisbon	247.12-248.17	247.45-248.09	81-88ds	248-268ds
Madrid	208.22-208.96	208.66-208.96	40-58ds	133-152ds
Milan	2507.10-2520.10	2516.80-2520.10	5-7ds	16-19ds
Montreal	2.2024-2.2278	2.2247-2.2278	0.16-0.24ds	0.30-0.43ds
New York	1.5620-1.5680	1.5656-1.5666	0.05-0.04pr	0.11-0.09pr
Oslo	10.4650-10.4950	10.4760-10.4920	1⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	8.2800-8.2990	8.2850-8.2990	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.6460-11.7030	11.6790-11.7030	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	154.34-155.26	154.99-155.26	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.83-16.92	16.89-16.92	1⅛-1⅛pr	5⅛-4⅛pr
Zurich	2.0102-2.0181	2.0152-2.0181	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3183-1.3192
Austria	10.76-10.77
Belgium (Com)	31.55-31.56
Canada	1.4210-1.4215
Denmark	6.0335-6.0365
France	5.2940-5.2950
Germany	1.5310-1.5320
Hong Kong	7.7470-7.7480
Ireland	1.5489-1.5504
Italy	1602.0-1603.0
Japan	98.95-99.00
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5510
Netherlands	1.7180-1.7190
Norway	6.6975-6.6995
Portugal	158.12-158.22
Singapore	1.4485-1.4495
Spain	133.00-133.10
Sweden	7.4478-7.4653
Switzerland	1.2869-1.2874

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5668-1.5694
Australia dollar	2.0650-2.0673
Bahrain dinar	0.583-0.595
Brazil real*	1.3303-1.3342
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	7.3525-7.4685
Greece drachma	369.75-376.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1326-12.1396
India rupee	48.56-49.52
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	3.9920-3.9953
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4495-2.4522
Pakistan rupee	47.65 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7975-5.9235
Singapore dollar	2.2688-2.2718
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5207-6.5565
S Africa rand (com)	5.5367-5.5427
U A E dirham	5.6775-5.8015

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	284	Legal & Gn	2,400
ASDA Gp	8,000	Lloyds Bk	1,000
Abbey Natl	4,600	MEPC	1,100
Alid Dom	2,400	Marks Spr	3,100
Argyll Gp	6,900	NatWst Bk	3,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	Nat Power	1,800
AB Foods	336	Nth Wst W	390
BAA	2,100	P & O	2,800
BAT Inds	7,500	Pearson	1,300
BOC	1,100	PowerGen	1,000
BP	8,800	Prudential	2,200
BTR	5,600	RMC	539
BT	9,900	RTZ	2,100
Bk of Scot	461	Rank Org	4,400
Barclays	2,200	Reckitt Col	473
Bass	3,100	Redland	1,400
Blue Circle	3,500	Reed Intl	1,800
Boots	939	Rentokil	1,700
Bowater	2,200	Reuters	7,100
Brit Aero	1,900	Rolls Royce	5,500
Brit Airwys	2,800	Ryl Ins	1,200
Brit Gas	8,500	Ryl Bk Scot	846
Brit Steel	4,000	Sainsbury	3,800
Burmah Cast	577	Schroders	83
Cable Wire	6,100	Scot & New	1,000
Cadbury	2,500	Scot Power	1,600
Caradon	1,700	Sears	4,200
Carlton Cms	1,000	Svrn Trent	586
Cm Union	2,800	Shell Trans	2,700
Courtaulds	667	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	791	SmKl Bch	4,200
Eastern Elec	689	Smith Nph	2,200
Enterpr Oil	2,700	Sthrn Elec	819
Forte	2,500	Std Chartd	1,700
GKN	212	Sun Allnce	778
GRE	344	TI Gp	942
GUS	963	TSB	1,500
Gen Acc	1,100	Tesco	5,800
Gen Elec	9,200	Thames W	589
Glaxo	7,300	Thrn EMI	887
Granada	277	Tomkins	7,000
Grand Met	15,000	Unilever	956
Guinness	4,700	Utd Bisc	2,700
HSBC	1,500	Vodafone	7,000
Hanson	5,700	Warburg (SG)	502
ICI	3,400	Wellcome	2,600
Inchcape	974	Whitbread	1,200
Kingfisher	2,600	Wlms Hld	4,400
Ladbroke	4,900	Wolseley	235
Land Secs	1,400	Zeneca	2,500

WALL STREET

	Jan 17 midday	Jan 16 close
AMP Inc	74½	74½
AMR Corp	58½	58½
AT & T	49½	49½
Abbott Labs	32½	32
Advanced Micro	32	31¼
Aetna Life	50½	50½
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	17
Air Prod & Chem	46½	45½
Albertson's	29½	29½
Alcan Alumnm	26½	27½
Alco Standard	66½	66½
Allied Signal	36	36
Alum Co of Am	87½	88½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	44½	43½
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	34½	34½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	29½	29½
Amer Home Pr	64½	63½
Amer Intl	104½	105½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	57½	57½
Anheuser-Busch	53½	53½
Apple Computer	45½	44½
Archer Daniels	19½	20½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	45½	45½
Asarco	29½	28½
Ashland Oil	33½	33
Atl Richfield	102½	102½
Auto Data Pro	59½	60½
Avery Dennison	35½	35½
Avon Products	56½	57
Baker Hughes	17½	17
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	28½	28½
BankAmerica	42½	42½
Bank of NY	30½	31½
Bankers Tr NY	60½	60½
Barnett Banks	42½	42½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	34½
Baxter Intl	27½	27½
Becton Dickinsn	50	49½
Bell Atlantic	50	50½
BellSouth	55½	55½
Black & Decker	24½	24½
Block (H&R)	34½	34½
Boeing	49½	48½
Boise Cascade	29½	30½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59½	58½
Browning Ferris	30	29½
Brunswick	19½	20½
Burlington Nthn	53	53
CBS	60½	59
CNA Financial	68½	67½
CPC Intl	53½	53½
CSX	74½	74½
Campbell Soup	42½	42½
Can Pacific	14½	14
Cptl Cities ABC	87½	86½
Carolina Pwr	27½	27½
Caterpillar	57½	57½
Central & SW	23½	23½
Champion Intl	40½	40½
Chase Manhat	34½	35½
Chemical Bk	38½	38½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	51½	52½
Chubb Corp	80	80½
Cigna Corp	66½	67½
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	56	58½
Coastal Corp	26½	26½
Coca Cola	51	50½
Colgate-Palmolive	59	60
Columbia Gas	23½	23½
Compaq Comp	43½	43½
Comp Ass Intl	52½	52½
Conagra	30½	31
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	34½	34½
Cons Rail	55½	56
Cooper Inds	35½	36
Corning Inc	31½	30½
Crown Cork	39½	39½
Dana Corp	24½	25½
Dayton Hudson	69½	69½
Deere	74½	74½
Delta Air Lines	55½	55½
Deluxe Corp	27½	27½
Detroit Edison	27½	27½
Digital Equip	36½	36½
Dillard Dept St	27	27
Disney (Walt)	47½	47½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donelley (RR)	30½	30½
Dover Corp	57½	57½
Dow Chemical	69½	69½
Dow Jones	31½	31½
Dresser	18½	19½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Brdstreet	54	53½
Du Pont	57½	56½
Eastman Kodak	48½	48½
Eaton Corp	51½	51½
Emerson Elec	64½	64½
Engelhard Corp	24½	24½
Enron Corp	28½	28½
Entergy	23½	23½
Ethyl Corp	10½	11
Exxon	61	60½
FMC Corp	57½	58
FPL Group	35½	35½
Federal Express	61½	61½
Fed Nat Mtge	72½	72½
First Chicago	48½	48½
First Interstate	73½	73½
First Union Rly	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34½	34½
Fluor Corp	48	48
Ford Motor	28½	29
GTE Corp	31½	31½
Gannett	51½	51½
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gen Dynamics	44½	43½
Gen Electric	52½	52½
Gen Mills	58½	58½
Gen Motors	41½	41½
Gen Reinsurance	129½	130½
Gen Signal	35½	34½
Genuine Parts	37	37
Georgia Pac	77½	77½
Gillette	73½	73½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	38½	38½
Grace (WR)	40½	40½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19½	19½
Great Wstn Fin	17	17½
Halliburton	34½	34½
Harcourt General	33½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	39½	38½
Hercules	120½	120½
Hershey Foods	48½	49½
Hewlett Packard	106	105½
Hilton Hotels	65½	64½
Home Depot	47½	47
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	34½	34½
Household Intl	40	40
Houston Inds	37½	36½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	90½	90½
Illinois Tool	42½	42½
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	29½	30
Ingersoll Rand	33½	33½
Inland Steel	35½	34½
Intel Corp	69½	68½
IBM	77½	77½
Intl Flav & Fr	47½	46½
Intl Paper	79	79½
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	54½
Kellogg	57½	58
Kerr-McGee	45	45½
Kimberly-Clark	49½	48½
Kmart	13½	13½
Knight-Ridder	53½	53½
Lilly (Eli)	64½	64½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
LIN Brdcstng	134½	134½
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	35½	35½
Liz Claiborne	16½	17
Lockheed	74½	74½
Louisiana Pac	29½	29½
MCI Comm	18½	18½
Marriott Int	29½	29½
Marsh & McLen	78½	78½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	34	33½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	29½	29½
McDonnell D	47½	48½
McGraw Hill	65½	66½
Mead Corp	55	54½
Medtronic	56½	58½
Mellon Bk	34½	35
Melville Corp	32½	32½
Merck Inc	38½	38½
Merrill Lynch	37½	37½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84	83½
Monsanto	70½	70
Morgan (JP)	59½	60½
Motorola Inc	62½	62½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	19½	20
Natl Service Ind	25½	25½
Navistar Int	17	17½
NBD Bancorp	29½	29½
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	36½	35½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	72½	73
NL Industries	12½	12
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	42½	42½
Norfolk Sthrn	64	64½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	24	24½
Nynex Corp	36½	36½
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	19½	19½
Oracle Systems	42½	41½
Oryx Energy Co	12½	12
Owens Corning	31½	31½
PNC Financial	22½	22½
PPG Industries	37½	38½
Paccar Inc	46	46½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elec	25½	25½
Pac Telesis	28½	28½
Pall Corp	19½	20½
Panhandle East	19½	19½
Parker Hannifin	47½	46½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	41½	42
Pennzoil	43½	43½
Pepsico	35	34½
Pfizer	76½	77
Phelps Dodge	61½	62
Philip Morris	57½	57½
Phillips Pet	30½	30½
Pitney Bowes	32½	31½
Polaroid	29½	30½
PriceCostco	13½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	63
Providian	34½	34½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	33½	33
Ralston Purina	45	45
Raychem Corp	34½	35
Raytheon	65½	65½
Reebok Intl	37½	37½
Reynolds Metals	54½	54½
Roadway Srvcs	55½	54½
Rockwell Intl	37½	36½
Rohm & Haas	57½	57½
Royal Dutch	108½	109
Rubbermaid	29	28½
Safeco Corp	53	52
St Paul's Cos	46½	45½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	17½	11½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Seecorp	15½	15
Schering Plough	72½	73½
Schlumberger	51½	50½
Scott Paper	73½	73½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	47	47½
Shell Trans	66½	66½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	18	18½
Snap-On-Tools	33	33½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	41
Sprint Corp	27½	27½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	29½	29½
Sun Microsys	36½	35½
Suntrust	49½	49½
Supervalu	23	22½
Sysco Corp	26½	26½
TRW Inc	66½	66½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	18½	18½
Tandy Corp	50½	50
Teledyne	21½	21½
Temple Inland	50½	51
Tenneco	44½	44½
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Texas Inst	74½	74½
Texas Utilities	33½	33½
Textron	50½	50
Time Warner	36½	35½
Times-Mirror	33½	32½
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	37½	37½
Toys R Us	30½	29½
Transamerica	51½	51½
Travelers	36½	36½
Tribune	53½	53½
Tyco Labs	46½	49½
UST Inc	28½	29
UAL	98½	97½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	24½	25
Unilever NV	117½	118½
Union Camp	49	49½
Union Carbide	29½	29½
Union Pacific	48½	48½
Unisys Corp	9½	9½
USAIR Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	14½	14½
US Life	36½	36½
US West	36½	36½
United Tech	63½	64½
Unocal Corp	26	25½
Upjohn	31½	30½
VF Corp	48½	48½
WMX Tech	27½	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	21½	21½
Warner-Lambert	74	74½
Wells Fargo	152½	154½
Westinghouse El	14	13½
Weyerhaeuser	39½	40½
Whirlpool	51	50
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	52½	52½
Woolworth	16	16½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46½	46½
Xerox	106½	107½
Yellow Corp	22½	22½

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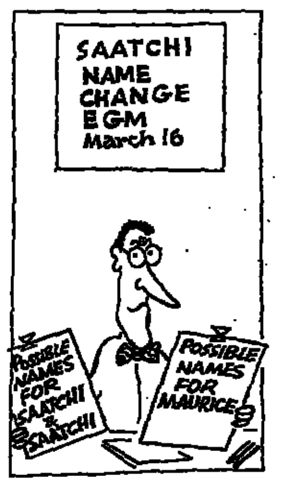
Clearing the air Down Under

THE Tobacco Institute of Australia distributes a booklet called "Clearing the Air for All" to Australian businesses and has this to say about passive smoking (called ETS or Environmental Tobacco Smoke): "ETS should not be compared with the smoke a smoker inhales... In short, ETS is a little like pouring a nip of vodka into an Olympic size swimming pool and then, after it had all been mixed in, trying to find the vodka." Simon Chapman, associate professor from Sydney University's Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, decided to test the institute's example. He found North Sydney's pool holds 2.4 million litres of water, while a nip of vodka holds just 30 millilitres. The ratio is 1:80 million. Chapman said: "This ratio is simply off the planet". He said the true ratio would vary from place to place and be extremely difficult to calculate, but he added it would be much less than 1:80 million. The moral, quite obviously: don't smoke while drinking vodka in a swimming pool.

It's whatisname

DAVID RIGG, public face of the National Lottery, thanks to his role as director of communications at Camelot, has developed broad shoulders since the first balls were selected, causing bishops to lament, pensioners to agonise and many punters to fume. The ever-jovial Rigg has done about 100 TV interviews (and countless radio spots) since the lottery went live. He tells me that he knew he had arrived when a woman came up to him at a party and declared: "I know you ... you're on television". Then her eyes lit up: "You're on *Blind Date*."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EBRD rethink?

THE City's own European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) smartly issued an announcement yesterday stating that the bank will be holding its annual meeting of the board of governors on April 11-12 at the Barbican Centre in London (yes — London). The timing of the statement, so soon after the German Government had floated its idea of moving the EBRD to Bonn, might be a signal that the small town in Germany has scant appeal to the bank's staff. There has, I hear, been no rush to take German lessons.

Sky locos

PERCY BARNEVIK, the head of ABB, the Swiss-Swedish engineering group, enjoys a reputation as a management guru. But his company's decision to airlift locomotive parts from Australia to Switzerland, and fly completed locomotives from there to India, seems an odd piece of logistics. Not so, assures Mike Keogh of ABB in London. The timetable for a $200 million Indian Railways order is so tight that the first locomotives have to be delivered super-fast. The rest, he says, will be manufactured undramatically in the subcontinent.

COLIN NARBROUGH

Mistakes that left investors practising a Mexican wave

Janet Bush argues that Western liberal ideas can prove disastrous when appied to Third World economies

Unknown factor: President Zedillo was unable to carry foreign investors along with his devaluation plans

The current turmoil in Mexico, the heavily tarnished darling of the American economic establishment, and the subsequent attack on other emerging markets is a story of thundering herds and sheep sadly led astray.

The herds are getting their comeuppance. Expensive new Wall Street emerging-markets desks, desperate to justify their existence amid the securities industry recession, have touted the virtues of developing economies more or less indiscriminately. Those investors who swallowed that advice are now nursing horrible losses and have stampeded back into the safety of German and Japanese markets.

But the real tragedy is faced by many of the emerging economies. The loss of confidence leaves them financially vulnerable and could throw their economic development plans into disarray.

Events in Mexico and beyond do not just caution against identikit investing, and excessive reliance by emerging economies on often fickle international capital. The latest traumas also expose the shortcomings of a much quieter but comprehensive stampede into liberal economics, exported from Washington by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Mexico has taken over from India as the largest ever recipient of IMF/World Bank money, with all the usual policy conditions attached. It has been "adjusting" for more than a decade. It is further down the road of structural reform than most other developing economies, with extensive privatisation and deregulation already completed. There has been considerable foreign direct investment, far more costly than short-term speculative money.

Uniquely among developing countries, Mexico has a powerful sponsor in the US, irrevocably committed to its economic health because of the political capital tied up in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

For all this, Mexico has hit the skids and, last week, World Bank officials in London had no real answer as to why, for all the money, advice and monitoring, trouble was not anticipated. The Bretton Woods institutions preach fiscal prudence but apparently did little to warn Mexico of the consequences of relying on foreign capital to finance its ballooning current account deficit.

The World Bank is bravely maintaining that events in Mexico do not mean international investment in emerging markets will dry up. One comfort is that more than 40 per cent of flows to developing countries have been foreign inward investment.

Two other points make little sense. First, the World Bank argues that the inflows are mostly in the form of bonds, rather than commercial bank lending, and that bonds are only issued to the creditworthy. Creditworthy until last month? Secondly, it says US pension funds are clearly "underweight" in emerging markets. As it is accepted that many of these markets have been hopelessly overvalued, that argument also soon falls apart.

World Bank/IMF officials in Madrid last autumn extolled their structural adjustment policies in developing countries, citing foreign capital inflows as evidence of their success. It is clear that the emperors of H Street, Washington, are sartorially challenged but continue to parade around, however many Ghanas and Mexicos point out their nakedness.

Mexico is just one sheep which has followed the economic solutions offered by the IMF and World Bank. Pure macro-economics coupled with a dollop of privatisation and free trade were never enough for balanced economic development in Mexico or even in Britain. And elevating one economic variable above all others — inflation being the prime example — invariably builds up pressures in other measures of economic performance.

Beyond issues of macroeconomic management — as relevant to industrialised countries as to developing ones — are some structural, social and political issues which have been swept aside by liberal economics, but which should be considered in the wake of Mexico's crisis:

☐ **Low savings rates.** This is a problem that besets not only many Latin American economies but industrialised ones too. Mexico has a notoriously low savings rate, the dynamic emerging economies of the Pacific Rim much healthier ones. Chile is one safer bet in Latin America partly because pension reform has pushed up its savings.

Duncan Green, of the Latin America Bureau and author of a forthcoming book on neo-liberalism in Latin America, says: "This is allowing Chile to pick and choose what kind of foreign investment it wants. It has tried to deter speculative capital and attract direct investment."

☐ **Politics.** The neo-liberal revolution has almost entirely ignored the structure of different societies that are fundamental to their development, and even the importance of individual leaders. Some Mexico observers believe the devaluation may have been accepted by investors if it had been handled by former President Salinas. The fact that it was left to President Zedillo, a man relatively unknown to foreigners, may in itself have doomed the exercise. A perception of political stability is all-important for a partnership between private capital and developing countries. Uganda, for example, is seeing inflows of foreign money largely because President Museveni has sold himself and his government competently abroad.

Beyond personalities, however, the way societies are structured has to be taken into account in designing appropriate economic policies. Land reform is a good example because it is a key determinant of distribution of income in developing countries and of the extent to which economic growth is shared out.

Tony Killick, of the Overseas Development Institute in London, believes one underpinning element of economic success in East Asia is the fact that early land reform in countries such as Taiwan and South Korea broke up vested interests. Latin America's imbalance between rich and poor makes development much more hazardous.

☐ **Disparities between rich and poor.** Overlaying often painful adjustment on extreme income differences has exacerbated social and political pressures in many countries, making development far less sustainable. It was a peasant revolt in the very poor Mexican region of Chiapas, and political assassinations, which largely triggered the loss of confidence.

Ruth Mayne, of Oxfam, points out that although the World Bank has finally conceded that poverty reduction and social safety nets are integral to economic development, existing programmes will be increasingly inadequate in Mexico if the macroeconomic crisis leads to another wage squeeze.

Mexican employees have swallowed ten years of falling real wages during adjustment and, under the post-devaluation austerity programme, will take another hit. At the same time, Mexico now boasts 24 dollar-billionaires, according to Forbes Magazine, the fourth-biggest tally in the world and much of it because of the huge privatisation programme inspired by the World Bank. This is like relying on making a millionaire a week through the National Lottery to develop Britain's economy.

The World Bank and IMF have belatedly acknowledged that they need a deeper analysis of economies. Non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam, shut out of policy-making for a decade, are now being consulted. Their view is clear. Carlos Heredia, primary author of a report for the NGO Working Group on the World Bank, said this month; "The current crisis has nothing to do with human error, as is now being alleged. It is the collapse of an economic model."

ANTHONY HARRIS

Silver lining in the peso storm cloud

Wall Street and the City are loud with the noise of investment analysts kicking themselves — the ones who have lost large sums in Mexican stocks. Most of them admit that they should have seen it coming. But if they had seen it coming, the disaster would probably have been avoided; for it was essentially the collapse of a financial bubble. The real economy need not collapse; there has been a shock to domestic demand, but this is just what is needed to get quick positive results from an overdue exchange-rate correction. Politics permitting, it could prove the same kind of "disaster" that Black Wednesday was for Britain.

But how could it happen in a country which was following a Maastricht-type regime of fiscal and monetary stringency? The trouble was imported easy money — or often re-imported, for much of the Mexican stock market boom was financed by returning flight capital which is now trying to run away again. The flightiness of capital is an endemic problem in Latin America, as it is currently in Italy. In Italy it is easy and legitimate to blame the politicians, who have still hardly begun to tackle their fiscal crisis. But the Mexican government was blameless by the standards of IMF fiscal arithmetic. True, it still has a large unfinished agenda of structural reform, and grim social problems; but these usually lead only to malaise. It took the stock market boom (prices doubled in 1993), and the foreign inflows which it attracted, to make it a crisis.

Nothing could better illustrate the fact that stock market capitalism on a global scale poses management problems which are still largely unrecognised, let alone fully analysed. In official thinking, stock markets facilitate the flow of capital to those countries where it can earn the best returns; a reward for virtue and an engine of growth.

But in the real world they have a very different role. In the words of Brian Reading, of Lombard Street Reserach, they enable countries which have no surplus savings to lend money to countries which do not need it. The main sources of foreign portfolio capital are fund managers in New York and London, whose activities put the dollar and the pound under strain. They tend to favour those countries where strong savings and sound policies generate adequate domestic capital.

This poses management problems in the recipient countries. The usual Asian answer is to trap inflows in huge official reserves, hoping to hold down the real exchange rate through massive intervention. But sterilisation of this sort is only partially effective, at best. It can still cause inflation (as in China), which raises the real exchange rate; and it can lead to accusations of unfair currency management. In any case, the stock market values are themselves inflationary, acting as collateral for heavy consumer spending; this seems to have been what happened in Mexico.

The crisis itself may prove to be the most effective cure: the fashion for stock market investment in emerging economies may not return for a long time. It is the inflows generated by multinational companies making genuine productive investment which create growth and employment. Meanwhile the devaluation of the peso, in almost ideal fiscal circumstances, should quickly re-establish Mexican export-led growth on a sound footing.

The real danger may be that other governments will draw the wrong conclusions. Argentina, for instance, is already debating the idea of maintaining investor confidence by pinning its currency irrevocably to the US dollar.

But inflexibility could lead to an Irish solution. For most of its history Ireland was a sterling country, financially part of the United Kingdom. But is was fiscally separate: there was no flow of British Government spending to offset its disadvantages in natural resources, education and remoteness from the market. The result, depopulation. Crisis seems preferable.

Martin Waller on Saatchi & Saatchi's identity crisis

The perils of name dropping

Many recently divorced women cannot wait to shrug off their husband's name, assuming that they chose to take it at the start of the marriage. The bitter upheaval at the top of Saatchi & Saatchi has prompted an equally strong desire on the part of the incumbent management to shake off the handle of their now-departed founder.

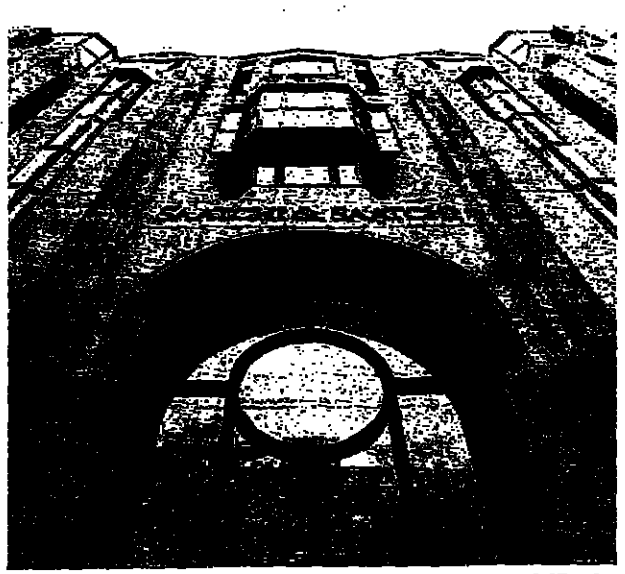
They have decided, it turned out yesterday as shareholders were invited to a special meeting to consider a change of name, to bring in the experts, in the form of Siegel & Gale, a US business described as a marketing, communications and design company.

The job should at least be a cheap one; Siegel & Gale is one of the host of businesses owned by Saatchi & Saatchi after the massive expansion of recent years that led to the group's humbling.

The company's expertise is in finding names for other businesses and their brands, a surprisingly difficult task and one strewn with pitfalls.

One of the difficulties, in Saatchi's case, is that there is no maiden name to fall back on. Maurice Saatchi and his brother Charles founded the business a quarter of a century ago and, not unnaturally, named it after themselves.

In addition, the name at the top is the same as one of the two biggest trading subsidiaries. The in-house spin doctors have been making a brave attempt over the past month, as the row over Maurice Saatchi's ousting has rumbled on, to distance the problems at Saatchi & Saatchi World Wide, the advertising agency, from affairs at the top of Saatchi & Saatchi plc.



Finding a new name to put above the door can be difficult

The retail chain Woolworths faced a similar problem when the holding company, which also owns B&Q DIY and Comet electrical stores, was renamed and financially restructured in the mid-1980s. Its choice is also the most likely solution for Saatchi, says John Murphy, chairman of Interbrand, a London-based company in the same line of work as Siegel & Gale. Woolies' owner opted for a name both easy to remember and with not the remotest link to the core business, and Kingfisher plc was born.

Traditionally, advertising agencies' names have been an unwieldy list of the top people — the stereotypical Adman, Adman, BlueSpex, Bowtie and Freelunch, even though the first Adman may have succumbed to a stress-induced coronary and Freelunch was tempted elsewhere several years ago. The problem here is twofold, says Mr Murphy. "It flatters the egos of people whose egos are already too big. It also emphasises to clients the instability of the business."

The recent trend in adland has been towards portmanteau names with a vague hint of the communications business — the US-owned Interpublic and Omnicom conglomerates, for example, the latter being the owner of Interbrand. The renamed Saatchi can also plump for another corporate trend, the anonymous set of initials. Its bigger rival, and the biggest advertising business in the world, is WPP Group, so named because the tiny company into which it was initially injected, Wire & Plastic Products, made just these for supermarkets.

Even when the new name is chosen, the consultants' work is not over. The name must be checked to see if it is legally available, internationally in Saatchi's case, and not a trademark or other well-used label.

It must also be double-checked to prevent linguistic accidents, to ensure polite useage in virtually every tongue. For every scatologically named Japanese soap powder that has amused Clive James and the lower fifth, there is an equivalent Anglo-Saxon export. The telephone manufacturer GPT, pronounced in the French fashion, refers to a mundane biological function. A North American car named Nova — not the current Vauxhall model — had problems south of the Rio Grande, because in Spanish the name means "Doesn't Go."

There is no danger of the English language running out of brand and company names, says Mr Murphy, even if he is beginning to despair of finding another twist ending in -tel for the burgeoning international phone market. Inspiration springs eternal — he points to Haägen-Dazs, a philologically impossible construct bolted together in the US to give an impression of reliable Scandinavian tradition years before the upmarket ice cream brand fell into British hands.

"Companies thinking up corporate names and trade marks sometimes have to look in new areas. Haägen-Dazs was great news for people like us — it opened up a whole new market, just when we were running out of names like Polar, Glacier and whatever for ice cream."

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Inv Fund	645.05	651.10		4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45		9.63
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	60.68	64.56†	- 0.10	3.08
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.32	640.19		4.86
Accum	527.23	527.25		
Fixed Int Inc	119.50	119.75		7.89
Fixed Int Acc	185.18	185.46		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7887				
Intl Growth	117.30	128.11†		
UK Income	103.68	113.14†		5.31
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	72.82	76.96		1.57
Beck Bio-Tech	24.16	26.90†		
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.65	153.32†		0.73
City Fin Assets	65.05	69.20		1.29
City Fin America	80.61	84.85		
City Fin Intl	73.09	78.90		0.56
City Fin Japan	168.52	177.39†		
Friars Hse Cap	259.53	280.84†		1.95
Friars Hse Inc	186.95	198.88		4.15
Buckley Wrld Gth	122.81	130.65		0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	130.78	139.11		
Fairmount Intl	143.29	152.44		
City Fin Pfflo Inc	51.08	54.34†		4.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.89	56.12	- 0.02	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.92	57.67	+ 0.60	
Anns Mngd Gwth	34.80	37.01	- 0.18	0.34
Dragon Growth	61.66	66.16	+ 0.05	0.09
Equity High Inc	79.05	84.10	+ 0.14	4.11
(Accum Units)	106.30	113.09	+ 0.19	4.11
European Gwth	48.75	51.86	- 0.26	0.84
Evergreen	37.00	38.90	+ 0.05	
General Equity	79.66	84.52	+ 0.12	2.64

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
French Growth	72.09	74.82	+ 0.23	0.32
Accum Units	77.23	80.16	+ 0.26	0.32
H Kong & China	68.77	71.38†	+ 0.96	1.86
Intl Growth	53.59	57.70	+ 0.21	0.55
(Accum Units)	56.06	58.19	- 0.22	0.55
Japan Gth	34.56	35.87	- 0.24	
Accum Units	34.56	35.87	- 0.24	
Japan Smaller Cos	43.14	44.77	- 0.21	
Glob Emg Mkts	94.15	97.72	+ 0.41	
Accum Units	94.82	98.42	- 0.43	
SE Asia	392.20	393.30	+ 3.80	0.37
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.54	53.10†	- 0.14	6.11
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	129.80	138.00	+ 0.20	
Income	141.09	150.09†	+ 0.05	3.99
UK Growth	51.84	54.93†		2.58

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Treasury	25.06	25.10†		5.74
Trustee	39.80	42.10	+ 0.10	4.59
(Accum Units)	160.30	169.80	+ 0.40	4.59
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	77.41	82.35	+ 0.21	0.95
Intl Bond	60.23	63.32	+ 0.18	5.70
Intl Equity Growth	67.59	72.01	+ 0.28	0.65
N Amer Growth	91.04	96.85	+ 1.03	1.82
Special Sits Growth	20.53	21.83		1.78
UK Growth	355.30	377.90	+ 0.50	2.85
(Accum Units)	463.40	492.90	+ 0.60	2.85
NW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.24	£12.49		3.30
Income #	929.30	941.00†		4.00

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
International	73.83	78.59†	+ 0.18	0.29
Ecology	77.01	81.92	+ 0.13	1.31
European	116.13	123.22	+ 0.30	
Far Eastern	287.40	305.70	+ 0.10	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7954				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.37	50.39†	+ 0.04	7.64
Gilt Yield	111.80	117.90†	+ 0.20	6.79
Global Income	202.90	215.90	- 1.75	4.22
High Yield	131.40	139.80†	- 0.32	6.32
(Accum Units)	397.60	423.00†	- 0.74	6.32
Smlr Cos Div	49.58	52.74	- 0.02	3.81
Capital Growth Trusts				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	138.90	140.80		4.34
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.40	201.60	+ 0.30	2.48
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.00	174.90		6.90
Intl Growth	201.80	215.00	- 1.30	0.29
North American	177.10	189.00	+ 1.80	0.61
Far East	249.70	267.10	+ 3.10	1.21
UK Smaller Cos	166.30	177.90		1.71
European	79.24	84.25	+ 0.45	0.13
Japanese Growth	48.62	51.71	- 0.28	
High Income	182.30	195.30	+ 0.30	4.30

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	360½	Abbey Nat	430	-5	4.5	14.5
314	233	Allied Irish	288	...	4.7	10.3
278¾	171	Aus New Z	203		6.0	-
3300	2462½	Bank America	2737½	+32½	...	..
247	172½	Bank Scotland	201	-4	3.3	11.3
640	487	Barclays	585	-4	3.8	14.3
319	246	Bk of Ireland	300	+2	4.8	8.7
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2650	+62½		
285½	203	Close Bros	223		4.2	10.1
£150⅞	£121½	Commerzbk	£134⅞	-3⅝	6.5	..
1398¾	1055¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1190¾	-21¾	0.5	.
£344⅞	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£298	-6⅞	2.3	
1315¾	750	Espirito Santo	787¼	+3⅞	4.9	9.8
90	57	First Nat Fin	68	+1	2.8	-
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1372¾	-36¼	0.4	-
473	209	Hambros	243	-3	7.7	14.9
1113	640	HSBC	658	-4	4.6	9.5
1133	629	HSBC HK	647	-6	4.7	9.4
443	393	Joseph (L)	393	-2	5.6	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	547	+2	4.4	9.6
660	519	Lloyds	553½	-1½	5.2	10.8
630¾	472	Nat Aust Bk	508		7.1	-
622	421	Nat West	485	-8	5.0	9.5
3309	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	..	6.8	-
79	53	Rea Bros	66		1.8	18.5
528	377	Royal Bk Scot	388	-2	4.4	9.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1448	-5	1.8	18.9
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1313	...	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	85½	...	4.6	11.0
369¾	223	Stand Chart	250	-1	3.1	8.9
297	197	TSB	227	+½	5.1	-
1012	569	Warburg SG	856	+8	4.8	12.7
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9918¾	+225	2.7	-
260	194	Westpac	217½	+2½	2.5	..
390	203	Wintrust	215	...	6.0	14.4

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	161			
619	486	Bass	514	-9	5.1	13.0
290	248	Boddington	259	-1	4.0	13.9
196	168	Burtonwood Brwt	174	-1	3.7	14.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'†	153	+1	3.2	-
66	46¾	Fosters Brewing	55	...	5.3	-
499	342	Fullr Sm 'A'†	352	...	2.8	14.6
511	389	Greenalls Grp†	419	+1	3.9	20.8
584	452	Greene King†	529	..	3.1	14.4
265	239	Hardy Hansn	264	..	4.6	-
170	135	Hawthorn	150	..	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3400	...	1.8	18.7
246	195	Mansfield†	243	...	2.4	14.9
314	256	Marston Thmpt	304	...	2.5	14.8
545	440	Morland†	483	...	2.9	13.8
10¾	6½	Paramount	7	...	3.6	.
329	209	Regent Inns	327	...	2.7	25.1
1665¾	1000	SA Breweries	1443¾	+9¾	2.0	22.3
597	477	Scot & Newct	506	...	4.3	14.5
306	215	Vaux Group†	236	...	5.2	13.3
486	324½	Wetherspoon JD	486	+13	1.7	26.8
617	434	Whitbread†	565	-4	4.2	15.4
589	493	Wolvrhmptn Dl	522	-2	3.3	13.8
306	148	Yates Bros†	207	-1	2.3	18.3
535	463	Young 'A'	463	...	4.0	19.6

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	ABI Leisr	105	..	4.8	-
317	248	Acalt	309	..	2.8	16.7
595	253	Adams & Harvey	595	+5	3.3	7.5
31	21	Alexanders	21	..	3.0	19.5
175	111	Applegard	171	..	6.5	19.6
6	3⅝	Ass Br Eng	4¾	..	1.3	33.9
578	495	BSS Group†	518	..	4.4	18.3
25½	17	Bowling Power†	22½	..	5.6	-
405	249	Blakeley Mr	253	..	5.2	18.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'†	28	...	3.1	11.8
370	288	Brammer	352	..	4.8	19.8
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15	..	1.7	78.0
99	78	Bell Fittings	91	+1	3.1	...
71	48	Brown & Tawse	48			
57	35	Burnden†	35	...	8.3	-
485	245	Callyns	388	..	5.4	44.0
59	23	Cabot Pict	23	-½	6.0	12.7
130	81	Central Mtr	81	-7	4.4	-
51	32½	Cook (DCH)†	41	..	3.5	12.6
342¾	197½	Cowie	238	..	4.8	11.8
192¾	127	Dag Motors	138	...	5.9	15.9
663	446	Dalamore El	598	...	1.4	14.7
628	414½	Diploma	441	+7	3.8	15.5
580	443	Electrocomponts	493	+2	2.6	20.2
175	133	Electron House	168	+3	2.7	17.2
393	225	Ellis & Everard†	255	.	3.8	18.9
234	201	Eurodollar†	201	..	5.3	15.7
173	106	European Mtr	118	-1	5.1	12.0
596¾	385	Evans Halshaw	389	..	4.6	12.2
656	490½	Fassell Elect	549	+6	1.8	22.5
78	50	Fife Indmar	54	...	6.4	7.9
34	15	Gardiner	15½	..	6.8	7.4
46	19	Gieschenkon	23¼			25.9
80	60	Gownings	73	..	3.4	22.2
76	59	Hatton Hldgs	73			57.8
189	122	Haus (Philip)†	169	+1	5.1	14.8
342¾	286	Heelys	287	...	3.5	14.3
191	88	Holders Tech	94	..	8.0	10.2
138	108	ISA Ind	108	..	2.8	13.5
609	395	Inchcape	408	-3	4.6	13.6
68	35	Jacks (Wm)†	53			12.3
184	145	Kwik-Fit	164		3.0	18.8
573	391	Lex Service	314	...	5.3	12.0
282	162	Lookers	193	...	4.5	12.0
20	14	Malaga Grp	14¾	..	2.2	...
8	3½	Middlesex	7	+½	...	
440	279	Norbain	422	-3	0.7	18.8
100	47	Northamber†	82	..	1.8	39.1
175	152	PCT	192	..	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	245	..	3.8	16.1
238	141	Perry Gp	141	-1	6.2	7.7
218	128	Quicks Group	128	-2	5.2	13.3
186	97	REA	165		4.5	34.1
5¾	2¾	Reson	2¾	...	...	
24	4	Ross Gp	6	..	4.2	-
42	32½	SEP Ind	40½	-½	3.3	-
44	31	TLS Range	42	...	3.8	16.9
265	215	Time Products	232	...	4.7	15.6
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168	..	3.9	12.4
335	242	Wholesale Ftgs	242	..	8.8	21.6
30½	13½	Wills Gp	17	-½	3.7	9.5
74½	39½	Whitecroft†	70		1.2	23.6
69	40	Wyko	64	+3	2.0	-
96	61	Young (H)†	73	..	6.2	-

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1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	80	...	6.6	6.5
130	96	Baltic Plc	127	-1	2.0	8.0
185	75	Berry Bch Nbl	77		8.3	11.6
215	152	Bristol Inv	153	+1	.	.
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	118	-2	6.1	8.7

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1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	[illegible]		3.03	6.27
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	[illegible]		10.07	6.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]		12.17	6.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]		13.10	6.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]		13.91	7.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]		12.35	7.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]	...	9.66	7.92
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.17	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		12.10	8.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		10.04	8.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.66	8.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	116	[illegible]	12.93	8.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	...	9.44	8.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]	..	7.50	8.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	..	7.10	8.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]		12.15	8.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.74	8.55
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		10.84	8.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	...	9.21	8.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.91	8.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	...	9.84	8.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.63	8.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.65	8.66
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	101½	[illegible]	8.87	8.63
[illegible]	96	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.21	8.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	118¼	[illegible]	10.99	8.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.48	8.77
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.65	8.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.27	8.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.35	8.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.32	8.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.26	8.91
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.73	7.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	105	[illegible]	9.05	8.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.69	8.64
[illegible]	97	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.57	8.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.02	8.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.33	9.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.28	8.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.41	8.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.18	9.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	99	[illegible]	8.59	8.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.57	9.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.74	8.63
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	95	[illegible]	8.42	8.63
LONGS (over 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.75	8.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.68	8.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.68	8.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.42	8.35
[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.41	8.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.36	8.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.54	8.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.24	8.74
UNDATED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.48	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]		8.70	.
INDEX-LINKED						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.72	4.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.09	3.99
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50	3.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.57	3.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.58	3.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.84	3.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.68	3.88
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.72	3.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.74	3.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.76	3.89
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.75	3.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.78	3.91

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Determined to be a better manager

Joan Llewelyn Owens reports on the range and value of training programmes

It is to the advantage of employers and secretaries alike for secretaries to acquire new personal and professional skills. Not all employers, however, agree. As chairman of the East Midlands branch of the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries, Cherry Knight talks to hundreds of secretaries, and concludes that about half the companies for whom they work refuse either to give them time off or to pay for outside training courses.

Nancy Harris, general secretary of the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries, finds that the situation is, on the whole, improving, but she still receives many complaints from members who get no support from employers. One, working as PA to the chairman of a large company, was refused instruction on a new word-processing package, and yet was expected to produce work of a high standard without delay.

The Industrial Society provides a range of courses suited to every stage of a secretary's development. Mandi Harris, the society's resource manager, comments: "Overall, firms don't give as much training to secretaries as other staff, but as secretaries take on more responsibility, people have been willing to spend more money to train them. They are a huge and under-utilised resource."

"The Secretary's Role — Maximising your Potential" is a programme for junior and team secretaries, while "The Senior Secretary — Leading the Office Team" is for secretaries and PAs who supervise junior staff. Valerie Maxwell, personal secretary to the chairman and chief executive of the Commission for New Towns, asked to go on this course because she had been given no formal training for her supervisory role.

She says: "Lots of bosses think, 'She is well organised, she is efficient, and can supervise the team'; but I discovered that leading a team encompasses a great many things of which I was unaware. I knew nothing, for instance, about the legal aspects, such as the questions you can ask at interview. The course was wide-ranging and extremely beneficial."

"Senior Secretary in Management Today" is probably the society's most popular course. Dawn Lowdell, a secretary in the sales department of Calor Gas, enrolled just before Christmas. Interviewed beforehand, she said: "The programme includes assertiveness training and presentation skills, and I think this will benefit me."

By the third and final day, she was more self-confident, and, after comparing notes with other secretaries, could see things from a different perspective. The problems they faced were universal, the most common being a heavy workload and too little time in which to complete it. Time management was one of the topics covered.

On every Industrial Society course, the participants build up an action plan for implementation on their return to work. Ms Lowdell's plan entails suggesting a daily meeting and discussion with the sales manager. "I have been told that if I feel strongly about something, I should say so. I intend to be more assertive, and more aware of stress, for both managers and myself."

Several other organisations provide a wide range of courses. Monadmock offers, for instance, "Skills Development for Executive Secretaries" and "Administrative Skills for Executive Secretaries". CareerTrack runs a number of career-development seminars including "Beyond Secretary — the Growing Role of the Administrative Assistant", while Cranbrook Training deals with specialised skills such as minute-taking and report-writing, as well as topics covered by the other firms, such as stress management, time management, and the team secretary.

To find out about courses, read secretarial magazines and consult national and local course databases at your local Training and Enterprise Council. Send for the brochures, then ring up and ask what you may expect for your money: small or large groups; a chance of in-depth discussions with a tutor; role play and coaching in presentation skills, for example.

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Drama behind the scenes as well as on stage in English National Ballet's Swan Lake

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Could the Mayfair house where Handel composed Messiah become a museum?

As Mozart prepares to don his Armani, **Rodney Milnes** charts the marriage between high drama and high fashion

Curtain call for couture

Costumes by Giorgio Armani, it says in the publicity material, or, if the format allows space, "directed by Jonathan Miller, costumes by Giorgio Armani" (is the first name there in case we confuse him with his lesser-known kid brother?). Apparently Miller's first impulse on deciding his new *Cosi fan tutte* for the Royal Opera would be in modern dress was to go and buy half a dozen frocks off the peg, if there is such a thing at Emporio Armani.

But one thing led to another, and Armani is now one of the selling points of tonight's premiere of an opera by, um, what's his name? — Mozart.

> ❛ Conran's tutus for *Tombeaux* were the most beautiful ever seen ❜

But before we all fall to the floor and start waving our legs in the air at the sheer wonder of it all, it is worth remembering that the involvement of *couturiers in the lyric theatre is nothing new.*

Chanel designed the costumes for Nijinska's *Train bleu* in 1924 (they were wool, impossible to dance in, and had to be frequently adjusted), and, in the 19th century, when prima donnas wore their own costumes *and* their own jewellery, you can bet your life that Maison Worth figured prominently.

How, incidentally, did they manage the Jewel Song in *Faust* if Marguerite was already sparkling like a Christmas tree before chancing upon that casket of trinkets? No problems, though, with Balanchine's ballet *Jewels* in 1967: the dancers wore the real thing from Van Cleef and Arpels, whose windows had inspired the choreographer in the first place — on the first night, at any rate.

Admittedly, couturiers have figured more prominently in ballet than in opera, dancers on the whole being more rewarding to dress than singers (how would Armani cope with Big Lucy P?). Jacques Fath dressed the Genet-style matelots in Janine Charrat's *'Adame miroir* in 1948 (set design by Delvaux, no less). And Dior designed *Treize danses*, and Yves St Laurent both *Cyrano* and *Notre Dame de Paris* for Roland Petit.

Derek Jarman may not strictly speaking have been a couturier in 1968, but nor was he a mainstream theatre designer when he devised the decor for Ashton's delightful *Jazz Calendar* for the Royal Ballet; in the same year he designed *Don Giovanni*, the John Gielgud production that launched what was then Sadler's Wells Opera's tenure of the London Coliseum. It was at the dress rehearsal that Gielgud, seeing something go awry, is said to have rushed down to the conductor crying out "Oh, stop that *dreadful* music!", but there are several versions of this classic Gielgudism, one of them involving *The Trojans* at Covent Garden.

Be that as it may, Jarman's bright, boldly geometrical designs were greatly disliked at the time. Not a hair would be turned today.

Nor was Erté known primarily as an opera designer when he was asked to do *Der Rosenkavalier* at Glyndebourne in 1980, and eyebrows were raised. They remained raised after the event, but apart from being saucy, his decor restored an abstract quality to an opera that has always hidden its treasures behind an entirely artificial and bogus realism ("Vienna in the early years of the reign of Maria Theresa", my foot — if it's anything, it's the Vienna of Freud and Schnitzler or, in this case, of the Folies Bergère).

Erté was invited to Glyndebourne by the director John Cox, who five years earlier had lured David Hockney into the world of opera with the still alive and kicking *Rake's Progress*, and it was for Cox's production of *Capriccio* at Covent Garden in 1991 that the immediate Armani precedent was set: Versace was engaged for the frocks only.

DONALD COOPER

Kiri Te Kanawa, made to look "even more gorgeous than she usually does" by Gianni Versace in John Cox's production of Strauss's *Capriccio* at Covent Garden in 1991

He made Kiri Te Kanawa look even more gorgeous than she usually does, but I seem to remember Anne Howells looking slightly tight-lipped in a lopsided, one-armed job with a huge plate round her neck. Still, I could have been hallucinating. I am not convinced that Versace did a lot for Strauss's opera, but everyone I know desperately wanted one of the men's waistcoats, and some of them were men.

Versace also dressed Sylvie Guillem as the Empress Elisabeth in Béjart's ballet *Sisi*, but then you could sew her into a mailbag and she would still look wonderful.

The most successful invader from the fashion world in recent years must be Jasper Conran. Experts assure me that the tutus he designed for David Bintley's *Tombeaux* at the Garden two years ago were the most beautiful ever seen, but his first foray into the theatre had been for Anouilh's *The Rehearsal* at the Almeida in 1990. His supremely elegant, effortlessly flattering costumes matched the brittle, rose-tinted cynicism of the play to perfection.

But whatever high fashion may do to opera, it is probably preferable to the age-old habit of star singers bringing their own costumes with them. Admittedly this can bring financial benefits, saving opera houses yards of expensive fabric to accommodate those of healthy girth. Joan Sutherland, who liked to be comfy, bless her, had trunkfuls of frocks, and some of them are to be sold at Sotheby's next month.

Another given to this Spanish, or rather Catalan, custom is Montserrat Caballé, and she wrought havoc on the black-and-white Beardsley decor of Visconti's *Traviata* when she sailed on in a vivid mauve crinoline that would have been better left perched on a telephone.

She also had difficulty with the spindly art nouveau garden chairs, one of which buckled under her. "Couldn't you find me a pouffe to sit on?" she asked sweetly at the dress rehearsal. "Well, dear", said the staff producer, "you've been sitting on *me* for the last fortnight."

● Cosi fan tutte *opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-304 4000) tonight (7pm)*

Who's Wright? said Fred

RADIO: People listen to pop stations for pop, not personalities. So why should Steve Wright's departure from Radio 1 matter?

The publicity material sent out each week by BBC Radio is naturally prone to being overtaken by events. That has not quite happened to the batch for next week; indeed the event that has come rushing up on the inside seems to have been positively pre-ordained on page 10 of the material.

"Steve Wright in the Morning," it announces. "Which way now?" This question is not in fact concerned with the future of Wright, whose resignation turns out to have been in the post even as the publicists prepared their work. But the sub-title of Wright's morning show all next week on Radio 1 FM is redolent with coincidental meaning.

Which Way Now? is actually the name of Radio 1's annual attempt to assist children in their early teens with advice on the national curriculum, and Wright will be launching the week-long campaign in his Monday breakfast show. But how many teenagers will be listening? Indeed, is anyone listening?

The superficial answer is that millions tune in to Wright, a manic and original character now destined for television, and Radio 1 itself still reaches nearly 11 million people a week. But the tabloid frenzy that greeted Wright's resignation (he does not leave yet) is only partially a reflection of the obsession with personalities.

Radio 1 is a ship with a hole in it, and Wright is only the latest of its personalities to jump from the upper decks. More than three million listeners have also defected in short order, but I question the alleged causal link between the fleeing personalities and the fleeing listeners.

Indeed I think the hole in Radio 1 has been made by the same rock that scuppered the pirate radio ships. They (and Radio Luxembourg) went the way of all flesh because the BBC gobbled up a great swathe of the market by launching Radio 1. Promising wealth and fame, Radio 1 pirated Tony Blackburn et al away from the pirates and was to rule the pop airwaves for many a year.

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But I doubt that they care much for "personalities": indeed, the shift at commercial stations such as Capital Radio is away from talk and towards music. If Radio 1 is to stay in the public sector (a moot question) then it has to be different. And if its Controller, Matthew Bannister, is determined to be different he will have to keep his nerve and ignore the numbers game. Never mind the width, feel the quality.

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EASTER First night of previews for the RSC's production of Strindberg's drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant joy in nature and the freedom of springtime. Katie Mitchell directs
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Opens Jan 25 Ⓢ

COSI FAN TUTTE: Jonathan Miller's much-awaited production has everything going for it: costumes by Armani, a bright young conductor in Evelino Pidò and a top-notch cast of Amanda Roocroft, Susan Graham, Bruce Ford, Simon Keenlyside, Ann Murray and Thomas Allen. See feature, page 37
Royal Opera House, Bow St, WC2 (071-304 4000). Tonight, 7pm. Ⓢ

MAN RAY The Serpentine opens a new season with an exhibition of works by one of this century's most celebrated artists. Man Ray made a long career of his revolutionary innovativeness, which can be seen in all aspects of his work: paintings, works on paper, photographs, rayographs, objects, books and films
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 (071-402 6075). Daily, 10am-6pm. Today until Mar 12. Ⓢ

THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL: Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Theatre de Complicite begin an international tour with five weeks here
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Jan 23 Ⓢ

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

BROMLEY Fiona Fullerton takes the title role in Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners, **The Constant Wife**, working her way to financial independence when her husband (Nigel Davenport) does her wrong. Back on tour; next stop, Woking
Churchill, High Street (081-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LIVERPOOL American conductor Gerard Schwarz joins the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** for another two concerts in its industrial series. Schubert's great Symphony No 9 is followed by music from Wagner's operas, sung by soprano Alessandra Marc. On Saturday, Schwarz and Marc are joined by Anthony Rolfe Johnson among others for Beethoven's Symphony No 9, "Choral"
Anglican Cathedral, Hope Street (051-709 3789). Tonight, tomorrow and Sat, 7.30pm Ⓢ

NEWCASTLE The David Glass Ensemble takes Paul Theroux's **The Mosquito Coast** on tour after a successful run at the Nuffield in Southampton. A striking achievement — complete with a salsa score, water and wet sand — but it suffers some from the absence of a vigorous opponent to the maniacal Allie.
Playhouse, Haymarket (091-230 5151). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

POOLE: Dmitri Alexeev joins the **Bournemouth Sinfonietta** as the soloist for tonight's special 25th-anniversary concert. Richard Studt conducts a programme of Dvorak, Shostakovich, Mendelssohn and Beethoven
Wessex Hall, Arts Centre (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Chinese Arms and Armour (071-636 1555) . . **Royal Festival Hall**: It's a Pleasure!: nine contemporary artists (071-928 3002) . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (071-839 3321) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) . . **Tate**: Works on Paper: Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites (071-887 8000) . . **V & A**: Warworks: Women, Photography and the Art of War (071-938 8500)

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE DANCE OF DEATH**: Rare stage appearance by John Neville as Strindberg's infuriated husband, with Gemma Jones playing his comparably furious wife. Directed by Peter Stormare, the Hamlet in Bergman's production at the NT in 1987
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 4. Ⓢ

◩ **DANGEROUS CORNER**: Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm; until Mar 11.

◩ **GRIMM TALES**: Tim Supple's superb staging of these really bloodthirsty fables. An amazing evening. Unforgettable
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Today, 1.30pm; until Sat. Final week. Ⓢ

◩ **KILLER JOE**: Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a trash trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs the original Chicago production that won a Fringe First at Edinburgh.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **THE MAN OF MODE**: Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. David Westhead as Dorimant, Tim Potter as Sir Fopling Flutter. Max Stafford-Clark directs; in rep with *The Libertine*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm

◩ **SUZANNA ANDLER**: Susan Hampshire plays the enigmatic heroine in Marguerite Duras's lyrical drama of late love. Lisa Forrell directs the author's recently revived text
BAC 1, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Jan 24 Ⓢ

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **TWO WEEKS WITH THE QUEEN**: Play for family audiences adapted from Morris Gleitzman's excellent story of a 12-year-old boy who learns about death and the value of family love. Ayckbourn's staging gives it a touch of caricature but the compassion comes across.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ◩ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◩ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **Hamlet**: Gielgud (071-494 5065) . . ◩ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych, final week (071-836 6404) . . ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) . . ■ **Oliver!**: Palladium (071-494 5020) . . ☐ **On Approval**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . ☐ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty) (071-494 5090) . . ◩ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (071-369 1734) . . ◩ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (071-369 1731) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ☐ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**: Strand (071-930 8800) . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . . ☐ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (071-928 7616) . . ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ☐ **The Women in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN (PG): Delectable mosaic of Taipei family life from the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, Ang Lee.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (071-369 1722) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **KILLING ZOE** (18): Callous and showy bank robbery tale, with Eric Stoltz and Jean-Hugues Anglade. Written and directed by Roger Avary
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **NOSTRADAMUS** (15): Life and prophecies of the 16th-century legend. Preposterous Euro-pudding, with Tcheky Karyo and Amanda Plummer.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. Director, Patrice Chéreau
Curzon Mayfair (071-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

TOTALLY F*ED UP**: Doleful, zero-budget experimental film about six gay LA teenagers. Director, Gregg Araki
ICA Ⓢ (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer laces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (071-498 3323) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Richmond** (081-332 0030)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

DEAR DIARY (15): Delightful, freewheeling film journal from Italian actor-director Nanni Moretti.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast
Electric Ⓢ (071-792 2020/0328) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

THE MASK (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea and Wendy Hughes.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs
Gate Ⓢ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. Luis Llosa directs
Clapham Picture House (071-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun. Roland Emmerich directs
Clapham Picture House (071-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieślowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives; a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18): Tedious, violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. Peter Hyams directs
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888911) Ⓢ **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

DANCE: **Debra Craine** on the real-life backstage drama that marred an opening night

Is there a dancer in the house?

P.J. BALDWIN

Onstage dramatics for English National Ballet: Paul Lewis as the evil magician von Rothbart, who has Odette under the power of his spell

Imagine you had stepped off a 26-hour flight from Australia that morning. You are just getting ready to put head to pillow and lose yourself in 12 hours of jet-lag oblivion when the phone rings. It's the boss, telling you to hop into a cab, race across London, throw on a costume and dance the second half of *Swan Lake*, possibly the most difficult ballet in the classical repertoire.

That is what happened to the Australian husband-and-wife team of Greg Horsman and Lisa Pavane on Monday night when, in the true show-must-go-on tradition, they were called upon to take over the leading roles in English National Ballet's opening performance of Tchaikovsky's ballet.

Swan Lake
Festival Hall

Until then, the evening had been going smoothly. The Odette, Agnes Oaks, was in the middle of a lovely Act II solo. But something went wrong when the ballerina, already recovering from a foot injury, landed badly from a small jump. An announcement at the end of Act II confirmed that she could not continue, and that Pavane and Horsman (who joined the company last autumn and had been in Australia guesting) were at that moment winging their way across town to replace Oaks and her partner, Thomas Edur. The audience was asked to be patient through an unscheduled half-hour interval and was rewarded with an unabridged — albeit lengthy — performance of *Swan Lake*.

To their credit, Horsman and Pavane managed to finish the ballet with some flair (although what does it say about the depth of ENB's principal ranks that the only two people who could take over at short notice were at home, miles away from the theatre?). Pavane's stamina was impressive, even getting her through the gruelling fouetté turns of the Black pas de deux. It was even more extraordinary if you consider that she had taken a sleeping pill shortly before the call came. Horsman was visibly shaken by the last-minute rush to get him on stage without adequate preparation, but his Act IV ardour suggested the encouraging potential of his Siegfried.

Earlier, Edur had established a characteristically polished portrayal of the leading man. His precise placement, elegant manner, unforced technical brilliance, and ability to infuse every step with meaning marked him out as the finest male classical dancer in Britain today.

Oaks, meanwhile, had shown no sign of injury in her performance as the Swan Queen, combining suffering with beauty and evincing a womanly passion imprisoned within a supernatural vulnerability. Her fragile avian flutters of terror gave way to a swooning voluptuousness as she poured her body into a declaration of love for Siegfried.

Raissa Struchkova's production, based on the one she danced during her early career with the Bolshoi, is pleasingly old-fashioned and embraces the "happy" ending popularised in Stalinist Russia. Unfortunately, the Jester so beloved of Russian stagings is also a feature: these days more anachronistic than authentic.

The designs, by Carl Toms, are attractive and well-proportioned. Act I's castle courtyard scene is surprisingly Renaissance Mediterranean — it could double for *Romeo and Juliet* at a pinch — while the lakeside scenes are all soft-focus romantic. Act III, however, is a curiosity, the great hall of the castle, with its rose window and stone-vaulted ceilings, too churchlike for the secular entertainments going on within its walls.

Swan Lake continues at the Festival Hall until Saturday. Meanwhile, the latest word on Oaks is that the management hopes she will be back in time for the company's revival of Rudolf Nureyev's *Romeo and Juliet*, which opens in Southampton on February 22.

NEW MUSIC: An intriguing end to the Park Lane Group series

Adventures in sax

LAST Thursday night's pair of Park Lane Group concerts began in super-virile mode with the intriguingly titled *Triorchic Blues*, by Gerald Barry. Mary Bruce's performance certainly had plenty of gusto, and she followed it with a more wide-ranging, multi-layered work called *Piano Polyptich* by Philip Grange, responding to its complexity with impressive control.

Two more of John White's mini mood pieces — the Piano Sonatas Nos 117 and 108 — demonstrated Bruce's responsiveness to a lighter, more melodic vein.

The Paperhaus Duo — clarinettist Barnaby Robson and pianist David Wickham — opened with an aptly witty, invigorating performance of *Red Herring Blues*, the curtain-raiser they had commissioned (with PLG funds) from Roderick Williams. Another commissioned work, Agustin Fernandez's *Munirando*, brought more bent notes and imperturbable virtuosity at the extremes of the clarinet's compass. Robson earned a well-deserved ovation for the intensity of his concentration in Steve Reich's *New York Counterpoint*, in which he accompanied himself tenfold on a pre-recorded tape. But for this listener, at least, there was more musical substance in Jonathan Lloyd's *True Refuge* and Poul Ruders's *Throne*, which both tested, and proved, the partnership's rapport in a similar way: by using the piano to shadow the clarinet.

The baritone Henry Wickham, eloquently accompanied by Susie Allan, presented three song cycles that showed off his attractive timbre and engaging musical personality in settings of French texts. Jean Francaix's *Cinq Poèmes de Charles d'Orléans* introduced a lighter note, while Roderick Williams's *Les ténèbres de l'amour* and Philip Wilby's cycle *Paysages tristes*, demonstrated Wickham's sensitivity to the tradition to which these cycles belong.

BARRY MILLINGTON

IN A blaze of saxophone, and maybe a touch of glory, too, the Park Lane Group series of "young artists" playing new or recent music came to an end at the Purcell Room last Friday. The Adelphi Saxophone Quartet, one of the new groups emerging from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, is ready to make the saxophone not just classically respectable but joyously adventurous.

They had fun with *Six of the Bestiary* by Anthony Gilbert, ranging from "Stray Dogs (doggedly)" to "Suckling Pigs (really crackling)", including an expressively elegiac solo for Andrew Wilson's alto sax, and wound up with a jolly *Suite on Romanian Themes* by Jean Absil. Best of all was the premiere of *Adelphi Cartoon* by Philip Wilby, a PLG commission, which exploited the sensitive balance of variously shaded ensemble passages.

To avoid too much of a saxophone thing, the pieces were interspersed with a contrast of cello and piano from Josephine Knight and Sophia Rahman. Their assured playing of Roberto Gerhard's 1964 Cello Sonata would stand out in any company. With its dignified poise and affecting character, this is a masterwork, making it the more inexplicable that other cellists continue to ignore it.

The cellist's rich sonority also overcame much of the opaque harmony in the brief *Straw in the Wind* by Xenakis, and she responded vividly to the demanding writing, not least in relation to the piano of Wilby's two "Parables" (1988).

Their intricate balance, vigorous and rhythmic in the first, muted and meditative in the second, quite eclipsed the wayward character and purpose of Giles Swayne's more recent *Four Lyrical Pieces*, and highlighted the assured artistry of both performers.

An earlier slot featured Jiun-Yoong Lim, a Malaysian pianist still studying at the Royal Academy of Music, who cleared the board of piano prizes at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

Somehow he has found his way inside the nature of much contemporary piano music to an extent that disrupts accepted notions of keyboard style, and replaces them with an altogether different vocabulary of assessment.

Shouting and chanting into the inside of a piano, with or without the aid of strategically placed glass tumblers, is one element besides the conventional finger work involved in the *Makrokosmos* by the American George Crumb, of which the pianist played four pieces from the second volume with brilliant effect, as he did the engaging character sketches of *Das Leonora Notenbuch*, by Piers Hellawell.

If it was difficult to perceive the musical logic in *Micropause* by the Korean Shin-Nuh Lee, Ligeti's *Study No 5* travelled more purposefully before it vanished off the top end of the keyboard.

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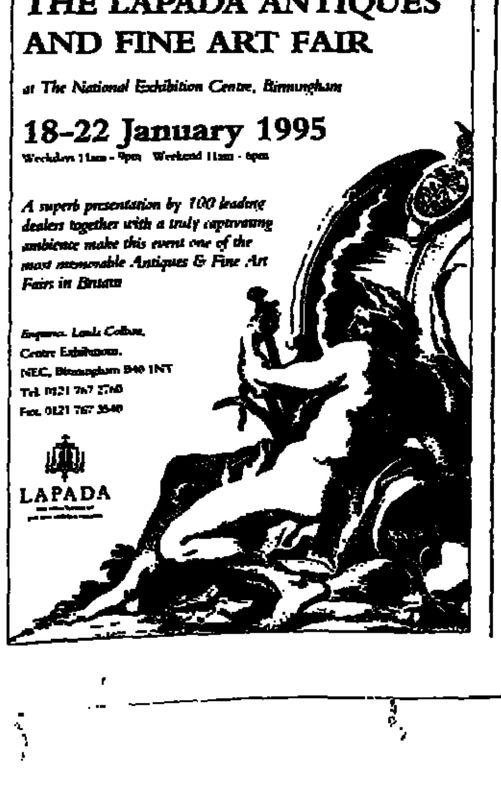

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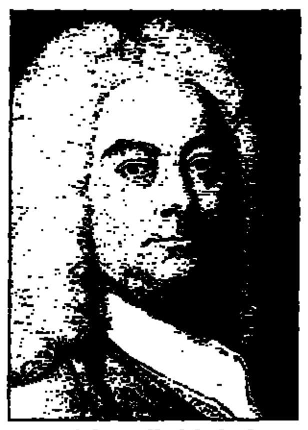
Anyone who has walked along Brook Street, in Mayfair, London, is likely to have noticed the blue plaque on No 25, just west of the junction with Bond Street. George Frederick Handel, musician, it says, lived in this house. At the moment the house and most of its neighbours are empty and surrounded by hoardings; they were to have been incorporated in a large commercial development, abandoned (at least in its original form) about two years ago.

The house was built in the early 1720s, as one of a terrace put up on virgin land by a speculative builder. The land belonged, as it still does, to the Corporation of London. Handel, its first tenant, moved in in 1723. He may have planned the move rather earlier; a musicologist of the late 19th-century claimed to have seen there a cistern marked "G.F.H. 1721". He could not purchase property as he was not a British subject — and when, four years later, he was naturalised, he evidently preferred to remain a tenant.


Handel: Halle birthplace is already a museum

The date of his decision to acquire a home of his own is significant. He had lately assumed the directorship of the opera company, the Royal Academy of Music, and evidently felt it was time to establish a more permanent place in London society than he had needed when he was working for patrons and living on their premises. He must have rehearsed his operas in Brook Street (the first written there was *Giulio Cesare*): it was there that he composed, for example, the coronation anthems in 1727 and *Messiah* in 1741. He died in the house in 1759.

The house is on five floors. The ground floor consisted of the traditional English passageway entrance hall, with front and back parlours, and a closet at the rear. The basement, with its kitchens, was for the servants; off it at the front are good-sized cellars, under Brook Street itself, where Handel presumably kept his wines.

On the first floor, at the front, was his main entertaining room, which we may suppose was used from time to time for rehearsals. It would be pleasant to be able to identify the front window with the one from which he threatened to jettison the recalcitrant soprano Francesca Cuzzoni, when she complained of the debut aria he had provided for her. But unfortunately that incident narrowly predates his moving in.

The rear room is said to have been his main composing room (though the working light would have been better at the front) and was certainly his dining room. Upstairs, at the front, was his bedroom, with dressing room and closet; the attic was occupied by his servants.

The house has undergone some modification since Handel's day. The attic is now a top floor, with normal windows in place of the original mansard ones. The back of the house was built out into Horseshoe Yard soon after Handel's time and then again later; on the first floor the closet was expanded into an attractive bowed room with another behind it, and the ground floor and basement were similarly extended. At the beginning of the present century, when part of the house became a showroom, the façade was radically altered, with vast plate glass windows at two levels; the first floor was, however, restored in the 1950s.

Since then the premises have been used as offices and, on ground level, as a shop. But there is a good deal surviving of the house Handel knew, and more can be inferred from No 23, slightly smaller but clearly designed and built exactly as Handel's house. One version of the famous Handel caricature by Goupy shows the composer, hog-like, at the organ, with an arched doorway behind: there is now no arched doorway in Handel's house but one in No 23 exactly matches Goupy's.

What of the house's future? The time has surely come to convert 25 Brook Street into a museum dedicated to the greatest composer to have lived and worked in this country. The composer house museum is a popular genre across Europe: everyone knows the Mozart museums in Salzburg and the Beethoven one in Bonn, but there are close on 80 others, among them houses occupied by rather lesser men (Martinu in Poličky, Falla in Granada, Grétry in Liège, Ole Bull in Bergen, Gruber in Arnsdorf, for example) as well as most of the obvious great composers. Beethoven has six, Mozart four, Haydn, Schubert, Wagner, Liszt, Bruckner, Verdi and Puccini three apiece, and many others have one or two (notably Austrians: the Viennese in particular diligently commemorate their composers). There is a Handel House in Halle, partly an instrument museum and workshop, but also commemorating Handel's life and Halle as a musical centre.

In Britain, there are two composer museums, in the birthplaces of Elgar (outside Worcester) and Holst (at Cheltenham), as well as a room in honour of Joseph Parry (in Merthyr Tydfil). There have been several attempts to establish a museum in Brook Street but none has been carried through. That is why, in 1992, a group of Handelians set up a company, registered as a charity, to buy the house and then restore and convert it.

At first we thought in terms of simply the upper floors of No 25. But as the project proceeded it became increasingly clear that, to do it adequately, not to say worthily, we would need the whole of No 25 and indeed No 23 too — partly because the wear on Handel's house would be too heavy without some kind of one-way system for visitors, partly because more space is needed to fulfil the functions expected of a modern musical museum such as display, exhibitions, educational and library facilities and performance.

Initial projections, in fact, indicate that a larger museum is financially rather more plausible than a small one. There are plenty of precedents: the Bonn Beethoven House (which attracts some 110,000 visitors a year) is a compound of several houses, as are the Mozart Geburtshaus (which draws over 500,000) and the Handel House at Halle (about 42,000).

First our Handel House Trust has to buy the houses. That is under negotiation with the Co-operative Insurance Society, their present owners, who seem favourably inclined to the notion of the museum within the large site they are developing. We have appointed Julian Harrap Architects — who have much experience with Georgian townhouses and with museums (including the Sir John Soane) — to work on the design, in close accord with English Heritage and the Westminster planning department.

We contemplate having Handel's living space reasonably close to how it was in his own day (there are plenty of clues as to that), using the added rooms and much of No 23 for display, library and other functions. The ground floor of the neighbouring house to the west could make an attractive recital room, comparable to those in several continental museums and of a size unavailable elsewhere in London, but that would call for an extremely bountiful fairy godmother.

Our scheme, as it is, is ambitious; but the cause is good and Handel's appeal is high, especially in the English-speaking world and in Germany. Some of the large foundations and trusts, here and abroad, seem sympathetic, and we shall certainly want to widen the appeal to the *Messiah*-singing public. Keep an eye on 25 Brook Street as you walk or drive past.

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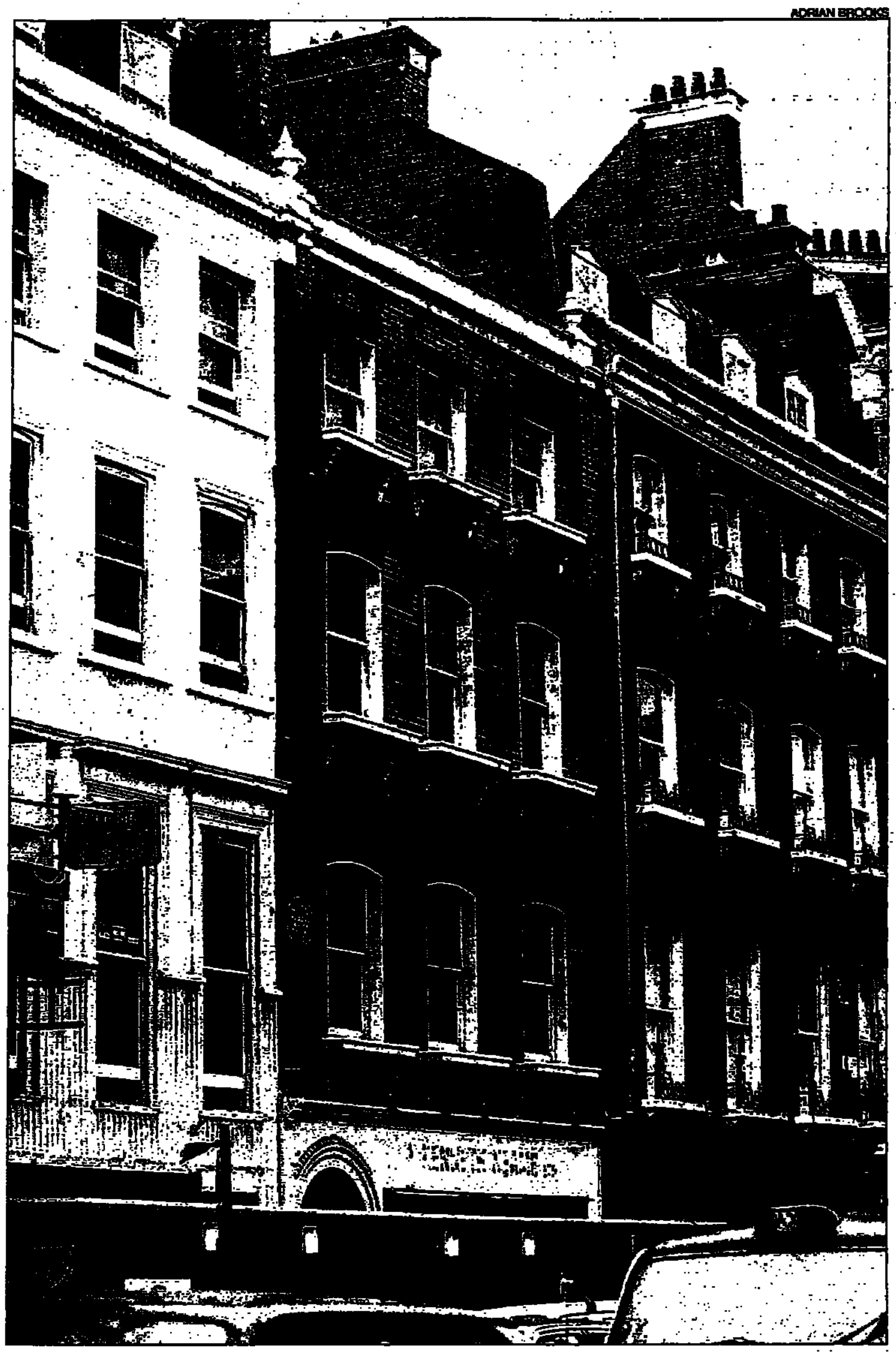
Behind this façade in Brook Street, *Messiah* was written. Today, only a blue plaque marks the house

THEATRE: A black view of urban life

Lament for a violent world

Forgotten Heroes
Cochrane

BLACK Mime Theatre is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. Under the direction of Denise Wong, the ensemble (formed by merging the men's and women's troupes three years ago) has consistently given the London International Mime Festival imaginative, accessible work, of the highest quality and always relevant to the immediate world.

Theirs is generally an urban world, and the young black men of the present work, the forgotten heroes of the title, are growing up in an environment where the funfairs enjoyed in childhood lead on to the discos of adolescence, and the spectres at the feast of life will be unemployment and racism. The argument of the 90-minute piece is that today's boys still find the expression of their tender feelings discouraged, and that what is suppressed and poisoned in their childhood will emerge as violence when they become adults.

Devised by the company, the storylines weave together significant incidents in the lives of Neville, Trevor, Sandra and the others. Effect and cause are juxtaposed, requiring the cast to switch identities and sex, so that Derek Elroy is an estranged husband in one scene, with children (Simon Bishop and Yolande Bastide) clinging to his knees, and in the next has become Peter Savizon's imperious mother, grimly insisting that he read the Bible — and not the little Bible either, the really heavy one that creaks when the pages are turned.

There is never a dull moment, in a show where the mood can switch from joy to terror at the turn of a shoulder. Sandra's innocent, experimental kiss, egged on by her giggling friend (Cassi Pool), is interrupted by her furious father. His horrible insult leaves her dumbstruck, in a moment of paralysis movingly sustained by Bastide, and the whole scene is repeated near the end of the play after we have witnessed its damaging consequence, later in her life.

The conclusion is not optimistic, unless this is the way to interpret the amiable competition of two fishermen where the only violence done is to the fish. An elegiac tone is added by the gentle laments (musical director: Tracey Anderson) sung by all the company in close harmony.

This is the only show to run the full two weeks of the festival, after which it sets off on an eight-week tour. Worth catching.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT: A Birtwistle premiere for tuba

Polished brass

LPO/Howarth
Queen Elizabeth Hall

ONE of the most memorable characters created by Russell Hoban and Harrison Birtwistle in their opera *The Second Mrs Kong* is Anubis, "the jackal-headed boatman". It is clearly a character that haunts Birtwistle too, for he has brought him to the centre of the stage in a new piece for solo tuba and orchestra entitled *The Cry of Anubis*, given its world premiere by Owen Slade and the LPO under Elgar Howarth.

In the opera, Anubis, half human, half divine, epitomises that otherworldly sphere conjured by Birtwistle's score. The tuba captures perfectly the twin elements of the pathetic and the hieratic that are central to the conception. The piece is a shortish, single movement that begins as a muted, sombre processional, gathering momentum and intensity before closing in marvellously evocative fashion. Slade (the LPO's principal tuba) acquitted himself to the composer's evident satisfaction.

After the interval, the trumpeter Hakan Hardenberger took the stage for another, very different, Birtwistle work for solo brass instrument and orchestra: *Endless Parade*. The title refers to the experience of an Italian carnival procession, which the composer characteristically presents not as a simple march past, but as a series of fragmented glimpses. Hardenberger's brilliantly incisive tone and rhythmic panache enabled him to capture the scene as though with the click of a lens shutter.

A novel piece of programming brought us not one but two performances of Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments: in the original 1920 and the revised 1947 versions. It is the latter version that is generally heard. In the 1920 version the duets usually played by flute and clarinet are given to alto flute and alto clarinet. The LPO players successfully demonstrated how much more mellow that can sound.

If the LPO brass, on their modern instruments, lacked the focus and agility ideally needed for the opening canzona by Giovanni Gabrieli, they made amends in Elgar Howarth's exhilarating and unashamedly modern arrangement of Byrd's *The Battel*, complete with bracingly martial figures on side drums.

BARRY MILLINGTON

CINEMA: **James Cameron Wilson** meets Jean-Hugues Anglade, the French actor with two successes on view

Natural-born ladykiller

Internationally, Jean-Hugues Anglade may not be as famous as his compatriot Gérard Depardieu, but he is seriously in danger of becoming as ubiquitous. Already well-recognised in Britain for playing the romantic male leads in *Betty Blue* and *Nikita*, Anglade has two new films currently on release. And both should shatter any romantic illusions filmgoers may have about the man.

In *Killing Zoe* Anglade essays the sort of villain that makes stars out of British actors in Hollywood. Long-haired, smarmy and indelibly Gallic, Anglade's miscreant, Eric, steps on cats, mainlines heroin and kills women. "It was a great pleasure," the actor reveals in his faltering, but perfectly comprehensible English. "In fact, this character was very generous to me. He brought me so many possibilities, so many contradictions. As an actor, you cannot be depressed by him. I had never played this kind of character before. Quentin Tarantino [the film's executive producer] knew my work, came to Paris and offered me the part. It was something I couldn't refuse."

In chronological contrast, Anglade also plays King Charles IX of France (1550-74) in Patrice Chéreau's *La Reine Margot*. Already honoured with the Jury prize at last year's Cannes Festival, *La Reine Margot* is a full-blooded reading of Alexander Dumas's historical novel, but is less about Margot (played by Isabelle Adjani) than the men in her life.

Intriguingly, Anglade's interpretation of the wayward king is not as far removed from the rancid villain of *Killing Zoe* as one might at first presume. Both men are ruthless in getting their own way, have no qualms about the killings they incite, wear their hair long and favour dark clothes. They are also both mad.

History relates that Charles was directly responsible for the massacre of between 10,000 to 20,000 Protestants, but he was also a man of culture. Not only did he write poetry and have a work on hunting published, he was a patron of the Pléiade, a literary body devoted to the promotion of French literature.

Anglade himself seemed to know little of Charles and was surprised to learn that the French king was a poet. "I did no research at all. I can only discover my characters when I'm performing them. The fact that Charles IX had existed was new for me. But step by step during the shooting I got involved in the pleasure of discovering what he was, historically speaking. To understand the main elements of his mind is enough, it is in the script. The most important element for me was to attempt to bring Charles to me and put him into a contemporary reality."

By the age of 22 Anglade had been nominated for four César awards, the French equivalent of the Oscar. A graduate of the Conservatoire d'Art Dramatique in Paris, Anglade made his film debut in Chéreau's *L'homme blessé*, for which he received his first César nomination — as best supporting actor. Then followed another nod for the actor's memorable role as the beguiling thief on rollerskates in *Subway*. This, in turn, paved the way for Zorg, the obsessive would-be novelist in *Betty Blue* (for which he won a third nomination, for best actor).

But it is his starring role in *Nocturne Indien*, a film which failed to find a distributor in Britain, of which the actor is most proud. "This film was very difficult for me, about a man searching for himself in India. I came back from this movie very, very disturbed. But step by step I began to understand my experience.

"I now keep a very good feeling when I am speaking about it. It is an important movie for me because it made me realise many things that help me for my work and for my life."

It was his hypnotic turn in *Killing Zoe* that finally opened doors in Los Angeles. However, the French actor, now 38, has been less than thrilled by the Hollywood scripts dumped on his doorstep. He willingly admits that he is no fan of American cinema, and that he never bothered to catch *Point of No Return*, the American remake of *Nikita*.

He does, however, reveal a sneaking admiration for David Lynch, although Tarantino is not on his list of favourite directors.

"Quentin, he makes good movies, but they are fashion movies," he says. "I am already a bit fed up about his films. I am very interested in what he could do now, if it is different."

SIMON WALKER

Watch out Depardieu, here comes Jean-Hugues Anglade

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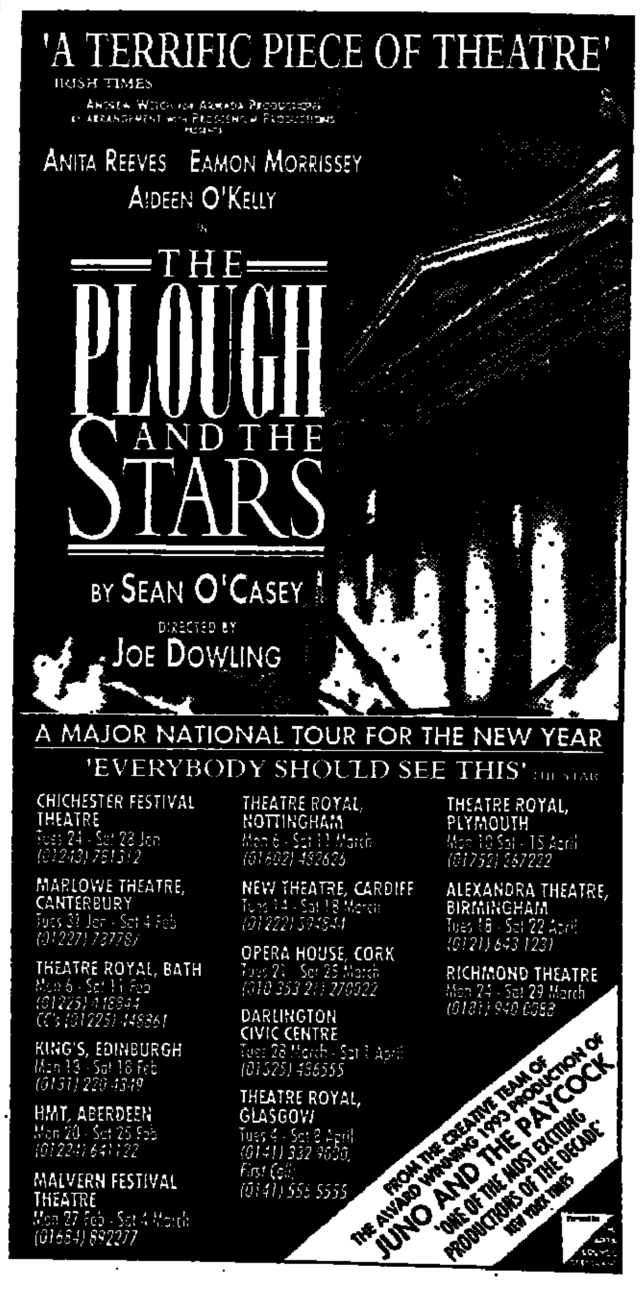
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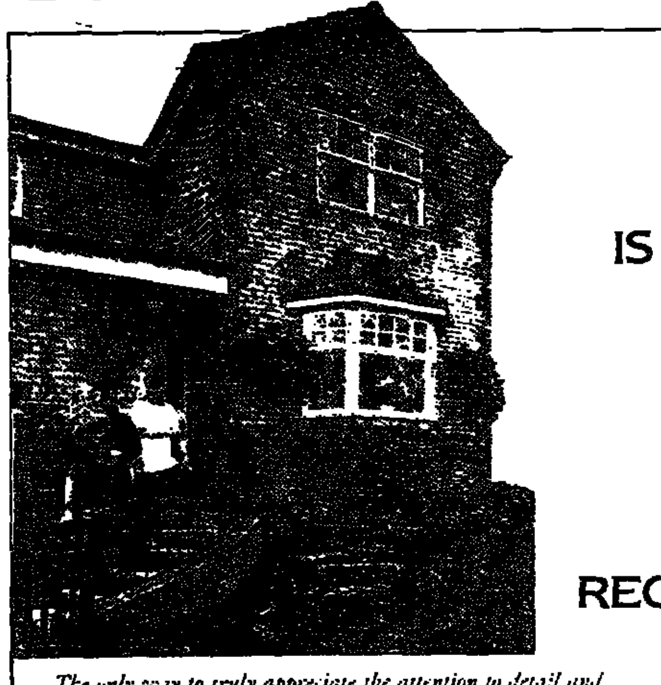

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Rachel Kelly on how to change a house without calling the removal men

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Now, homeowners move every eight years and even then, thanks to negative equity, many have to stay put. UBS, the City brokers, estimates that about 1.3 million homeowners are caught in the negative equity trap.

Such stationary behaviour does not satisfy the wish for updated interiors, which can most obviously be fulfilled with a move. One answer is to consider buying something to update a room, be it a sofa, a lamp, or a chair.

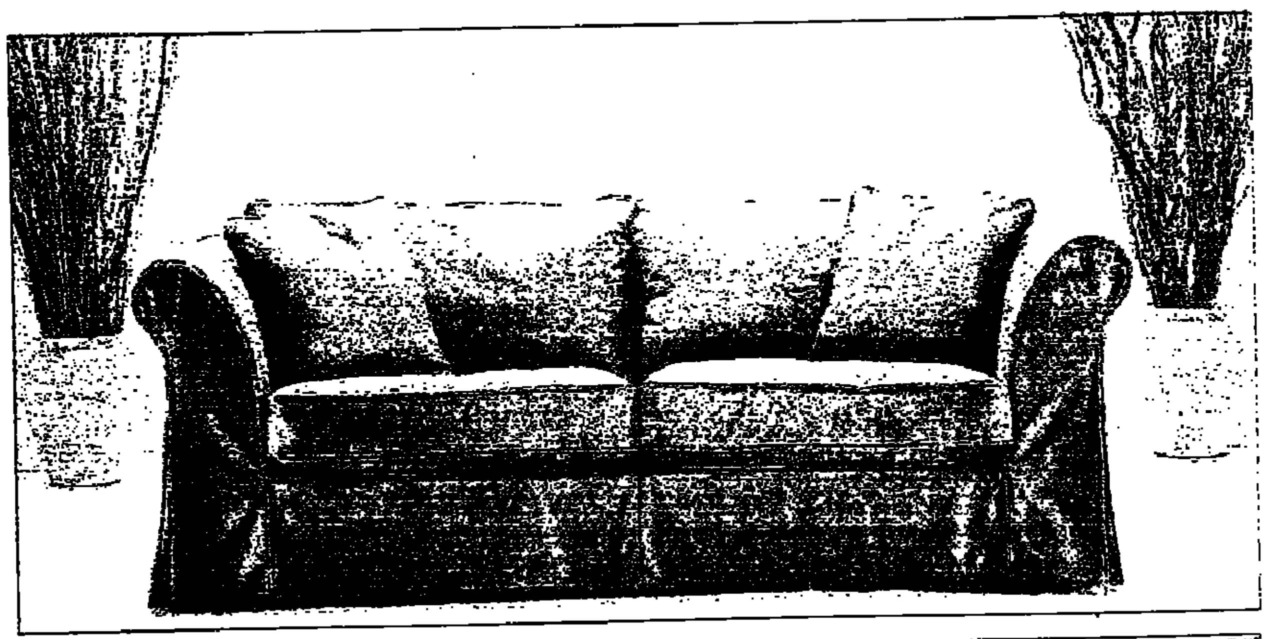
The Times asked buyers of leading stores what they are planning for homes this year. Their choice, we can assume, is dictated by the hard commercial realities of what will really sell. Each buyer was asked to pick a favourite design for a sitting room in 1995, given that this is the room most obviously on show.

The answers pinpointed several trends. Three of the five buyers, including Ian Oliver, at Marks and Spencer, Lucy McCann from Laura Ashley, and Nicky Grendon of Harrods, emphasised the need for furniture to be adaptable.

Marks and Spencer was typical. Its buyers chose a club chair as the favourite piece. "It could be comfortable in my home or my parents' home," Mr Oliver says. "My club chair is in a modern setting covered by a hand-woven throw. If I mature in my taste over the coming years, I will be able to change the covering of the chair to match. To place it in a more classic setting, one could cover it in a plain, good-quality cloth.

"The commercial trend is toward this type of flexibility. People are not in the business of wholesale changing wall-coverings, floor-coverings and furnishings as they may have been in the 1980s. The 1990s is more about changing individual pieces."

Others, such as Nick Spring from Liberty, stressed the importance of natural materials for home furnishings, just as plain colours have replaced the chintzes that dominated soft fabrics in the 1980s.



Right: an extra-large sofa from the Rebecca range by Collins and Hayes chosen by Nicky Grendon, buyer of modern furniture for Harrods. "Last year," he says, "lots of companies brought out furniture ranges that incorporated the loose-covers option, but Collins and Hayes has taken the concept a stage further by introducing fully changeable leather covers. You can have a warm-looking leather sofa during the winter, then change to an elegant fabric sofa in the summer." *Price: £2,250.*

Above: the Milton daybed chosen by Lucy McCann, the product design manager at Laura Ashley. "It is a contemporary black metal piece which acts as a spare bed or as extra seating," she says. "The wrought-iron bed is square, with a durable, satin-black paint finish, and it is enclosed on three sides. The headboard and footboard have a cross motif, and cushions can be piled up against the backboard to convert the bed for seating. It is versatile — the mattress has a loose cover, which can be chosen from any Laura Ashley fabric. The cover can be changed for different effects. Owners also impart their own personality on the daybed by piling it high with cushions. It can be customised to retain a contemporary look. The Milton daybed can be such a chameleon and epitomises 1995. People are travelling more than ever, and they can customise with cushions and materials they bring back from abroad."
Price: frame is £395, the mattress costs £150. The mattress cover is between £80 and £105, depending on the material chosen.

Right: "A mirror, made by the British firm Sterling and Bullus, would update a sitting room for the new year," says Nick Spring, lighting, contemporary furniture and furniture buyer at Liberty. The baroque-style mirror has a gilded wood frame and is available in gold or silver leaf. It measures 50 centimetres by 50 centimetres. "At Liberty we have booted out Italian manufactured furniture for British artisan furniture," Mr Spring says. "These hand-made items are made by British craftsmen in materials ranging from wood through wire to glass. This year is about very simple and basic lines."
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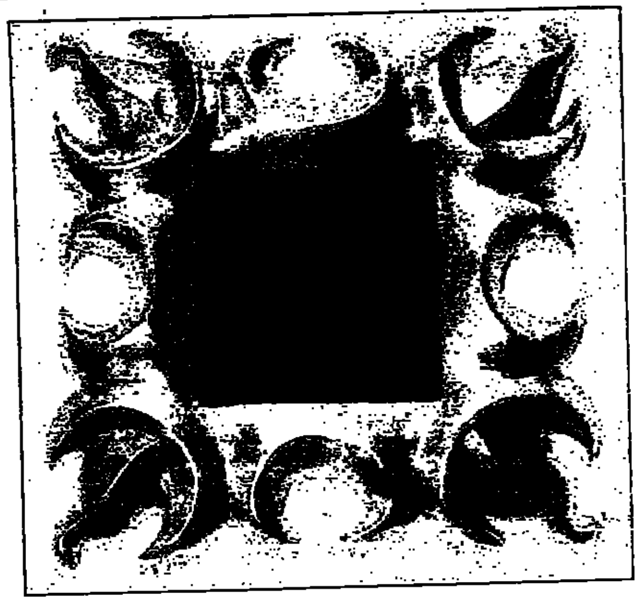

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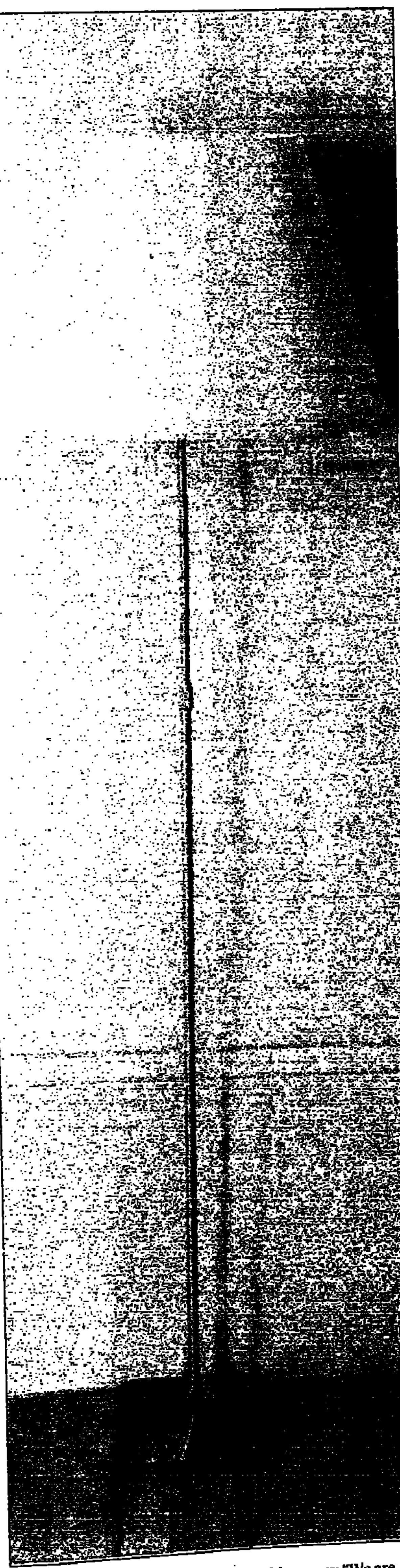

Michelle Eid, lighting buyer at Habitat, says: "We are looking towards Italy a lot, and especially classic Italian lighting, for simply designed products with a twist. The best example of this is the Constanza Floor Light. It has a nickel stem, with a blue or white hole-punched plastic shade. It is a classic conical lamp with studding around the shade. This light is the product for 1995 because it epitomises what soft modernity is. The shade is made of a modern material and the metal is not shiny chrome but matt nickel. It is very streamlined, but not overdesigned. It works well in almost every type of room. I have one next to a sofa with an ethnic-style cover and it looks perfect in that setting."
Price: £149

Emma Parker, of House of Fraser, says: "My one item to boost your home would be an inexpensive yet stylish chenille throw. They can brighten up a sofa or bed and you can take it on a picnic as an extra blanket." *Price: £39.99*

Additional reporting by Roland Buerk

Above: the club chair chosen by Ruth Newman, senior merchandiser in the homewear department of Marks and Spencer. She says: "I have chosen The club chair because it is a design classic and can be both classic and contemporary. The fabric can be changed to alter completely the look, from Victorian chenilles right up to contemporary linen checks. It has a high back, with small feet. The front feet have castors. It is like an armchair, but a little more upright. There is a choice of a wide range of fabrics. The first colour scheme this year at Marks and Spencer, from mid-February until Easter, will be blues and naturals." After Easter, the colour scheme will be beiges with coral highlights. There are a lot of Victorian looks around at the moment, drawing on the influence of the recent exhibition of Pugin furniture at the Victoria and Albert Museum. At Marks and Spencer, we are trying to appeal to the more contemporary kind of customer."
Price: from £399.

Dine in style for 20p

There may be no such thing as a free lunch—but with *The Times* you can take a friend for a meal that will cost the same as a copy of Britain's best quality daily newspaper. *The Times* has got together with Transmedia, the international restaurant card, to offer one meal for 20p when two or more people dine, as an introduction to a scheme that could also save you 25 per cent every time you eat out.

Times readers who already hold a Visa, Delta or MasterCard can participate, and enjoy not only the 20p meal but also six months' free trial membership of Transmedia (normally £35 a year). A worldwide organisation, Transmedia pre-purchases food and wine credits at special prices from participating restaurants. When a meal is bought with the card, the savings are passed on to the member. If, for example, your total restaurant bill for a meal for four is £100 (excluding VAT and tip), £25 will appear as a credit against that amount when you receive your card statement. It's like getting the fourth meal free.

If you enjoy French and Italian cuisine, you could save 25 per cent at Le Bistro in Standish, Lancashire. In Lincoln, you could eat in impressive surroundings in The Jews House close to the cathedral. With more than 450 participating UK restaurants, the choice is yours.

HOW TO APPLY

Today we print the second of six 20p dining tokens. Further tokens will appear every day until next Monday. Collect any four of the six tokens and send them with the application form, printed yesterday. In order to obtain your £20 meal for 20p you must have a Transmedia card. You are only eligible for a Transmedia card if you already hold a valid Visa, MasterCard or Delta card. The 20p meal must be taken before the end of February, 1995.

THE TIMES

20p

Restaurant Token 2

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Austin's conversion to Islam has given him an ambivalent attitude to success that has helped his fencing. "If I don't win, it was not meant to be," he says

Unorthodox champion proves a point with remarkable rise to the top

Winner who foiled the fencing system

Andrew Longmore meets Simon Austin, a sporting enigma blessed with raw faith and natural talent

The real eccentric, they say, thinks he is perfectly normal. Simon Austin thinks he is perfectly normal. He laughs at the suggestion he might be otherwise. "An oddball? Me? Why?" It is difficult to know how to tell him, really.

Well, Simon, you only started fencing seriously at the age of 28, 11 months before you won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Canada last year and 18 months before you became the British No 1. That is an unusually rapid education, Simon. And you have always fenced with an épée. Most fencers start with the foil and graduate to the longer, less conventional weapon.

Then there is the matter of your nationality, Welsh, which is not particularly strange, and your religion, Muslim, which is when set against your gentle white middle-class Anglican background. Is that enough, Simon? Or do we have to add that you learnt your fencing, like your new religion, from books?

The extraordinary thing about Simon Austin, who fences in the British championships this weekend, is that he hides his oddballness so well behind a soft voice and charm-school smile that you have to remind yourself that this is not the way athletes usually arrive at the top of their sport, even one as encouraging of free spirits as fencing. Austin is an oddball: a perfectly normal, likeable, intelligent and talented oddball, but an oddball nonetheless, and the shambling world of British fencing is thanking the stars for him.

Judging by the cramped attic in Holborn, London, where Austin trains two nights a week, fencing is in desperate need of support, and a Welsh Muslim late-developing British No 1 is as good a way as any to attract it.

Austin has some natural advantages. He is left-handed and as thin as a drinking straw. There is not much to hit, even in épée, where the target area is unrestricted. His style is unfettered by conventional coaching. Until he went to Poland to train last year, Austin had not had a proper day's coaching in his life. His fencing had been casually and haphazardly developed during a youth spent in refuge from rugby. When he left South Wales to go to college in Huddersfield, he stopped fencing altogether, the one lapse he now regrets.

The simple turning point in a career heading for oblivion came in September 1993. Austin stopped selling insurance and began a regular nine-to-five job as a computer researcher. He started to train in the evenings. In February, he won the Welsh championship. The field was not, he admits, the strongest in the world, but victory in his first serious competition confirmed his belated sense of purpose.

"Suddenly I had a goal," he said. "I wanted to go to the Commonwealth Games and I wanted to win the gold. Had I been English or Scottish, I would have had no chance, but there are not that many good épéeists in Wales."

A further spell of redundancy early in 1994 gave Austin the chance to make up lost time at the Physical Academy in Katowice. He learnt the rudiments of fencing by day and read the Koran and the Bible at night, emerging after two months with a sounder technique, a tougher mind and a new religion.

"It was embarrassing at times," he said. "I didn't know some of the most basic terms of fencing, yet there I was working with experienced internationals. The coach was really tough. He would stop and say: 'Why did you do that?' I used to dread his lessons sometimes, but I found out later that he stuck with me because I was the keenest of the whole group."

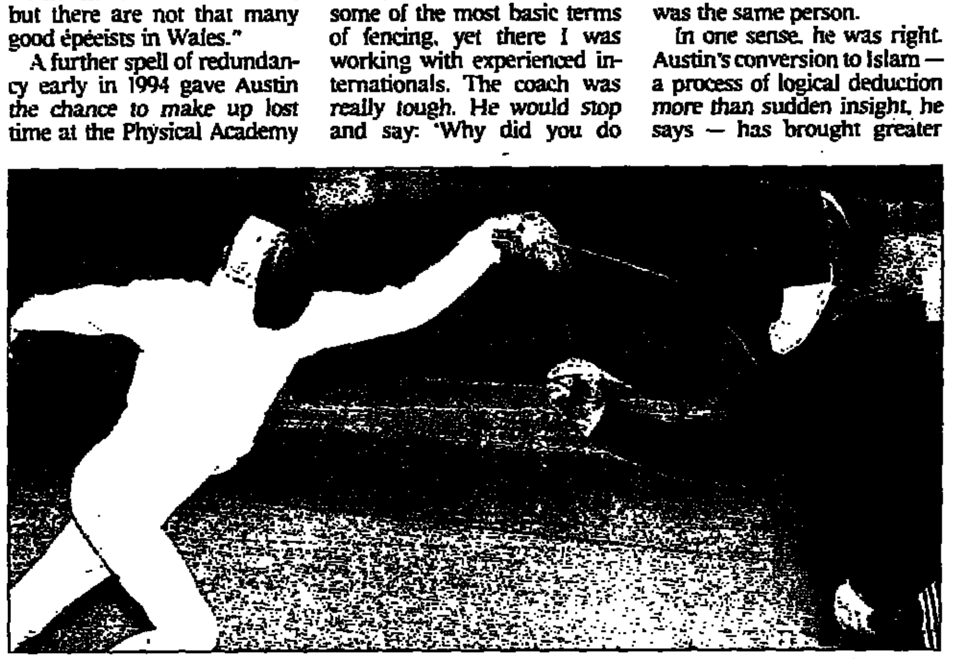
The trip paid immediate dividends. On his return, Austin won the Slough Open, an international event, and guided Wales to victory in the home internationals, ensuring his selection for the team in Vancouver, where his silver medal was such a shock that one of his friends, on reading the result, refused to believe it was the same person.

In one sense, he was right. Austin's conversion to Islam — a process of logical deduction more than sudden insight, he says — has brought greater strength and confidence. "When I'm fencing, Inshallah — by the grace of God — I will win. If I don't, it was not meant to be," he said. That makes winning and losing that much easier.

"Simon can lose and not get down about it," Ziemowit Wojciechowski, his London-based Polish coach, said. "He has a good psychology, he is very single-minded and learns quickly. And his style? I've not come across anyone like him in 17 years of coaching."

Austin's team-mates, who have watched his rise with admiration and a little consternation, are blunter in their appraisals. "He's a completely awkward so-and-so to fence." Simon Aspinall, the bronze medal-winner in Vancouver, said. "He's so unpredictable and he looks as though you should be able to hit him easily until you try. He never does what you expect him to do. He's also very calm, very relaxed. In fencing, you need a gunfighter mentality. The guy who's coolest will win."

There is also the lingering feeling that Austin is enjoying the longest run of beginner's luck in sport. If so, perhaps it will last through to the world championships this summer and on to the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year. Austin will have none of it. He smiles when I wish him good luck — "Not luck. Inshallah. By the grace of God."



Austin, left, during training at St Paul's School in Hillingdon, West London

Can Cantona break ranks and write the whole truth?

No sooner have I encountered the famous Martina Navratilova novel than news reaches me of the book we have all been waiting for: *La Philosophie de Cantona*, a new work by the footballing philosophaster soon to be published in English and French.

Whatever next? *La Philosophie de Vinnie Jones?* Or perhaps *Spiritual Life in India* by Sir Philip Tufnell, explorer. Or perhaps *La Nouvelle Cuisine de Botham et Gatting*. Or by the same authors, *Diplomacy and the Sub-continent*. Actually, no. It is another novel, this one er, written by Ginny Elliott, in former incarnations both Leng and Holgate, the three-day eventer.

Where will our renaissance persons of sport take us next? Someone unkindly suggested *The Rob Andrew Book of Erotica*. Or *Nick Faldo's Bumper Book of Jokes*. Or perhaps *A Childhood*, by Jennifer Capriati.

Now hold on. That last one was not funny. But the subject could make an important book, were it possible to tell the tale with some kind of emotional truth. I am not talking about pornographic prying or tabloid serial rights: I am talking about a book that genuinely teaches, in Dr Johnson's phrase, how better to enjoy life, or how better to endure it.

Or another book I long to read: *The Ballad of Ian and Viv*. The intense friendship, almost love affair, between Botham and Richards: what really happened? What was the emotional truth? What did they get up to? What did it mean?

But such matters are generally left unexplored in the conventional kinds of sporting literature. Crucial relationships, great disappointments, great achievements are seldom dealt with in a way that actually tells us anything.

"The truth is that it was one of those crazy, glorious one-off flukes." Botham on *that* innings, Headingley, 1981. Yes, Ian, but what was it *like*? "I was playing by pure instinct ... the atmosphere was electric."

Most sporting autobiographies are aimed at making a quick buck and the settling of old scores, neither matters wholly to be despised. But more disappointingly, most avoid telling the whole truth. Where the self-doubt? Where the fear?

Anthony Powell complains about reviewing autobiographies: "... chronicles of somebody or other's individual fate, on the whole unenthralling enough, except insomuch as every individual's story has its enthralling aspect, though the essential pivot was usually omitted or obscured by most autobiographers."

Sport's legion of autobiographers bear him out in overplus. Ghost-writers find themselves unconsciously deferring to the subject's wishes: self-doubt and weakness vanish, and every failure was the fault of others.

Exceptions? Well, there are some. Three examples, all in the diary-of-a-season format, reveal the fear, the bitterness, the desperation that are ineluctable parts of the striving after great matters. There is *Ball Four*, by Jim Bouton, a baseball pitcher; *It Never Rains*, Peter Roebuck's angst-ridden account of batsmanship; and *Only A Game*, by the footballer Eamonn Dunphy and his catalytic ghost, Peter Ball.

What the three books have in common is emotional truth. They — the books and their writers — grapple with failure: admit the pain.

The three writers have something in common other than an excellent book. None was in the first rank of performer. At least two of the authors knew their careers were fading: were beginning to look beyond sport. All three were able to tell the truth of their circumstances.

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

"I feel as if I am motoring from depressing place to depressing place with no sense of purpose except to bang my head against the same old stone wall. I've dedicated myself to being good at cricket, and simply cannot do it ... it's so bloody disappointing that I cannot crack it. I feel like admitting defeat."

Compare this fragment of Roebuck with Botham, before Headingley, 1981: "My attitude has always been that you can run from situations, but you can't hide ... In any case, I was not intimidated ... On the contrary, I felt inspired."

The truth, perhaps, but not the whole truth, surely. Simply the truth as Botham saw it. Perhaps great achievers are incapable of the kind of honesty you find in Roebuck, Bouton, Dunphy. Perhaps the strength of great performers involves a large dose of self-delusion.

Self-belief, to the point of self-delusion, is a dreadful flaw in an autobiographer. But in an athlete? Can immortal deeds be done without a deluded belief in personal immortality?

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PUBLIC NOTICES

AL-SAOUDI, MONIEM ABDUL HADI AL-SAOUDI otherwise MONIEM ABDUL AL-SAOUDI otherwise MONIEM AL-SAOUDI, late of Kentish Town, London NW5 died there on 12 April 1994 (Estate about £21,000)

BINNINGTON otherwise BININGTON, DOROTHY STEPHENIE BINNINGTON otherwise DOROTHY STEPHANIE BININGTON Spinster late of Twickenham, Middlesex died there on 26 October 1993 (Estate about £150,000)

DABBS, ANNIE DABBS Widow late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 16 January 1991 (Estate about £7,000)

EARLEY nee GAZELEY, BERYL JUNE EARLEY Nee GAZELEY Widow late of Luton, Bedfordshire died at Cambridge on 13 August 1994 (Estate about £200,000)

JAMES nee ARKLEY, JOYCE ELIZABETH JAMES nee ARKLEY Single Woman late of Stanley, Co Durham died there on 6 September 1994 (Estate about £30,000)

JONES, EVAN HUMPHREY JONES late of Southgate, London N.11 died at Edmonton, London N18 on 17 August 1992. (Estate about £6,000)

MOCK, KENNETH CHARLES MOCK late of Bromley, Kent died there on 10 March 1993 (Estate about £46,000)

O'LEARY, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER O'LEARY otherwise MICHAEL O'LEARY late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 29 November 1993 (Estate about £20,000)

O'SHEA, EMILY O'SHEA Spinster late of Poplar, London E.14 died at Plaistow, London E13 on 3 January 1994 (Estate about £37,400)

PLUCKROSE, AGNES PLUCKROSE Spinster late of Leytonstone, London E11 died there on 10 February 1991 (Estate about £5,000)

PRENTICE nee GOODWIN, PRENTICE otherwise MURIEL PRENTICE otherwise MURIEL ROSALIND PRENTICE nee GOODWIN, Single Woman late of Brightlingsea, Essex died there on 28 September 1994 (Estate about £12,000)

STACKHOUSE, PATRICK DUNCAN STACKHOUSE late of Balham, London SW12 died there on 4 January 1994 (Estate about £20,000)

WARD, WILLIAM STEPHAN ARSCOTT WARD otherwise WILLIAM WARD late of East Dulwich, London SE22 died there on 12 March 1993 (Estate about £9,000)

WITTEN, ADA MAY WITTEN, Widow late of Wickford, Essex, died there on 1 January 1994, (Estate about £40,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

FISHGUARD AND ROSSLARE RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS COMPANY

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next ORDINARY MEETING of the Proprietors of the Company will be held at the Port Office, Fishguard Harbour, Goodwick, Dyfed on Thursday 9th February 1995 at 11.00 in the forenoon for the general purposes of business and for the election of an auditor in place of one retiring by rotation.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd February to 10th February 1995 inclusive.

C.J. POLKINGHORNE
Secretary
18th January, 1995
Charter House
Park Street
ASHFORD, Kent
TN24 8EX

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity -
Worldwide Fund for Nature (Ellen Margaret Newton for Wildlife)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Veale Draper Garrood, Solicitors, 71 Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey during normal office hours from Monday to Friday inclusive or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number FOA/201707A/3 CD(Lon1).

LEGAL NOTICES

Howard's Boutique Limited
t/a Mr. Howard/Profile

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor)... London W2 6LF, on 27th January 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & CO. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED this 12th January 1995
H.Davidson - Director

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity
The Queen Elizabeth House Trust

The Commissioners propose to make an Order appointing a trustee of this charity. Copies of the Draft Order can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting reference SRA/JK-275467-LD(T). Objections and suggestions can be sent within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO.0010393 of 1992
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
MOUNT BANKING CORPORATION LTD
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisors of Mount Banking Corporation Limited intended to declare a second dividend to the creditors of the above company based on their individual balances as at 10 May 1993.

A letter to this effect has gone to all creditors who have provided an address to the company.

This letter requests that all creditors notify the Supervisors of details of to whom the distribution is to be sent.

Any person or body corporate believing that they have a valid claim and who has not received previous notification should contact the company at 5 Mount Street, London, W1Y 5AA.

Dated this 30th day of December 1994
Signed PW Wallace
Joint Supervisor

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 006734 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
HEYWOOD WILLIAMS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 21st December 1994 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 10th January 1995.

Dated this 12th day of January 1995
EVERSHEDS HEPWORTH & CHADWICK
Cloth Hall Court, Infirmary Street,
Leeds LS1 2JB
Ref: L/LJM/B7/h
Solicitors for the above-named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 006956 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
CURVER CONSUMER PRODUCTS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th December 1994 confirming the share reduction of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st December 1994

Dated this 10th day of January 1995
EVERSHEDS WELLS & HIND
14 Fletcher Gate, Nottingham NG1 2FX
Ref: AM
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NOTICE TO
THE CREDITORS OF
FRYER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP AND LIQUIDATION)

On 6 January 1995 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Richard James Rees of Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY has been appointed liquidator.

Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address no later than 28 February 1995

Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.

Date: 12 January 1995
Signed
R J Rees, Liquidator

AULTONE DESIGN SERVICES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor)... London W2 6LF, on 27th January 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.

A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

DATED this 11th January 1995
Alan French - Director

PROTECT MARKETING LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address, Regal House, 70 London Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 3QS
Company Number 2791199

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 22 December, 1994 Christopher Morris was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference - CRD/DCW

Touche Ross & Co
PO Box 810
Cedric House
8-9 East Harding Street
London EC4A 3AS

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE

071-782 7344 OR
FAX: 071-782 7827

Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Quarter-final: Postponed: Wigan v Crewe

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Postponed: Arbroath v Forfar

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Postponed: Holywell v Conwy. Second leg: Postponed: Llansantffraid v Bangor City.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Postponed: Berkhamsted v Billericay.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Postponed: Clevedon v Havant. Dr Martens Cup: Fourth round: Postponed: Cheltenham v Waterlooville

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Warrington v Curzon Ashton.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 6 Arsenal 1. Postponed: Brighton v Millwall, Portsmouth v Swindon

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Sheffield Wednesday v Leicester

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Omagh v Cliftonville.

Late games on Monday

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Fourth round: Worcester 0 Rushden and Diamonds 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Ruislip Manor 1 Hayes 4

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 2 Notts County 1, Wolverhampton 1 Blackburn 0. Second division: Birmingham City 1 Middlesbrough 3; Newcastle 4 Oldham 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 3 Luton 2 (abandoned after 67min because of surface water); Chelsea 4 Bristol Rovers 2; Tottenham 0 Norwich 1. Postponed: Portsmouth v Swindon

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Swindon 1 Portsmouth 1 (aet; Portsmouth won 9-8 on pens). Third round replay: Nottingham Forest 0 Bristol City 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Woodford 1 v Catford 0

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Welling 0 Gillingham 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 107 New Jersey 90. Washington 109 Chicago 101. Detroit 116 Philadelphia 110; Golden State 77 Denver 73. Atlanta 99 Miami 95; LA Lakers 96 LA Clippers 88. Utah 99 Indiana 98

CRICKET

AUCKLAND: West Indians 206-9 (50 overs) (W K M Benjamin 74), Auckland 101 (35.2 overs) (Benjamin 4-10, K L T Arthurton 4-26). West Indians won by 105 runs.

RED STRIPE CUP: Kingston: Jamaica 383 and 163-0 (R Samuels 77 not out, D Morgan 75 not out); Trinidad and Tobago 311 (S Ragoonath 97, P Simmons 83, M Bodoe 56 not out, R Haynes 4-95). Match drawn. Kingstown, St Vincent: Barbados 440-5 dec and 26-2, Windward Island 289 and 175 (D Joseph 80). Barbados won by 8 wkts

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: Tasmania 236 (B Julian 5-63) and 235 (B Julian 5-59); Western Australia 298 (M Veletta 71) and 175-2 (M Lavender 89). Western Australia won by 8 wkts.

FIVES

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Under-25: Singles: Semi-finals: H Ackerman bt I Purvis 12-10, 11-4, W Ackerman bt P D'Ancona 11-6, 11-4. Final: H Ackerman bt W Ackerman 11-8 11-2. Doubles: Semi-finals: P D'Ancona and B Tabener bt S Clapp and E Whitefield 11-2, 11-7, W Ackerman and H Ackerman bt I Purvis and S Fraser 11-8, 11-8. Final: D'Ancona and Tabener bt Purvis and Fraser 11-6, 11-1.

GLIDING

OMARAMA, New Zealand: World championships: Eighth day (provisional): Open (429km poly: all 15 completed): 1, U Schwenk (ASW 22L, Ger) 140.77kph, 1,000pts; 2, B Gantenbrink (Nimbus 4, Ger) 139.87, 984; 3, R Lynskey (Nimbus 4, NZ) 138.35, 986; 4, J Centka (ASW 22BL, Pol) 136.02, 933; 5, R Schroeder (ASW 22B, Ger) 134.58, 912. Overall (after eight days, no GB): 1, Schwenk 7,828pts; 2, Schroeder 7,536; 3, Lynskey 7,511; 4, Gantenbrink 7,138; 5, Centka 6,916. 15 metre (389km poly, 29 completions of 30): 1, R Gimmey (LS8B, US) 137.14kph, 933pts; 2, J Wills (LS8, GB) 135.63, 913; 3, G Lherm (DG800S, Fr) 135.12, 908; 4, C Garton (LS8C, GB) 132.41, 871; 5, G Itner (Ventus C, US) 131.77, 862; 6, S Ghiorzio (Ventus 2, It) 130.11, 841. Other British: equal 10, A Kay (LS8CW) 127.82, 810. Overall (after eight days): 1 E Napoleon (Ventus 2, Fr) 7,155pts; 2, Wills 7,097; 3, Ghiorzio 7,054; 4, G Nevas (Ventus 2, Fr) 6,897. 5, M Grund (Ventus 2, Ger) 6,783; 6, Lherm, 6,642. Other British: 15, Garton 5,945; 26, Kay 5,167. Standard (349.8km poly: 35 completions of 41): 1, B Spreckley (LS8, GB) 125.21kph, 917pts; 2, S Baer (ASW24, Holl) 121.15, 866; 3, J Garner (Discus, US) 119.01, 839; 4, J Aboulin (Discus, Fr) 117.50, 821. 5, M Kuttinen (Discus, Fin) 116.79, 812. 6, J-O Nordh (Discus, Swe) 116.46, 808. Other British: equal 9, M Wells (LS8) 115.3, 793; 13, A Davis (Discus) 114.61, 784; 28, S Jones (Discus, GB) 104.98, 684. Overall (after eight days): 1 Davis 7,046pts; 2, Kuttinen 7,037. 3, Spreckley 6,988; 4, R Schramme (Discus, Ger) 6,907; 5, Wells 6,893, 6, Aboulin 6,812. Other British: 19, Jones 5,944

GOLF

RYDER CUP: United States team (latest positions) 1, T Lehman 502.500pts, 2, L Roberts 436.500; 3, C Pavin 404.187, 4, F Zoeller 345.000. 5, P Mickelson 329.864; 6, W Glasson 326.310; 7, T Kite 278.250; 8, M McCumber 264.167, 9, J Maggert 231.893; 10 R Estes 231.687.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION: Girls: Under-18: Northern region: 1 Kirkham G S (Lancs); 2, High Storrs (South Yorkshire); 3, King Edward VI (Northumberland). Eastern region: 1, Helena Romanes (Essex), 2, Queenswood (Herts), 3, Jack Hunt (Cambs). Under-16: Northern region: 1, Queen Mary (Lancs); 2, Weaverham HS (Cheshire); 3, Emmanuel School (Tyne and Wear).

NETBALL

NATIONAL CLUBS LEAGUE: First division: Vauxhall 37 Aquila 47; Hirondelles 54 New Cambell 63, Hertford 48 Harborne 46, Tongham 56 Linden 63.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cancelled: Aberavon v Swansea; South Wales Police v Neath.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Sixth qualifying round: S MacFarlane (Scot) bt S Francisco (SA) 10-9; N Terry (Eng) bt M Geudens (Bel) 10-6; D Finbow (Eng) bt M Wilson (Eng) 10-9, R Hul (Fin) bt W Jones (Wales) 10-4; A Davies (Wales) bt L Richardson (Eng) 10-4; A Meo (Eng) bt J Birch (Eng) 10-4; T Chappel (Wales) bt S Chong (Malaysia) 10-1; P Davies (Wales) bt M King (Eng) 10-8; P McPhillips (Scot) bt S Judd (Eng) 10-8; N Gilbert (Eng) bt G Lees (Eng) 10-2; B Snaddon (Scot) bt S O'Connor (Ire) 10-7, P Francisco (SA) bt S Joga (Eng) 10-4; A Hamilton (Eng) bt N Walker (Eng) 10-5; S Mazrocis (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire) 10-9; P Cavney (Eng) bt L Dodd (Eng) 10-9; J Buckingham (Eng) bt T Jones (Eng) 10-8.

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 2 Ogmore Valley Dragons 1 (P Nicol bt M Cairns 9-1, 9-5, 10-8, S Parke bt C Van der Wath 9-2, 7-9, 9-1, 9-7, S Cowie lost to D Evans 6-9, 7-9, 1-9); Jim Hall Sports Northern 2 Rackets 1 (A Hill lost to P Johnson 9-5, 0-9, 4-9, 1-9; A Gough bt D Webb 10-9, 9-0, 9-6; P Lord bt N Cass 9-7, 9-10, 9-10, 9-5, 9-5), Welsh Back Wizards 2 Walker Fairmond Manchester 1 (D Harris bt D Ryan 9-2, 9-1, 7-9, 9-1, J Nicolle lost to M Heath 3-9, 5-9, 3-9; A Davies bt N Taylor 7-9, 10-8, 9-2, 9-0); Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 0 ICL Lion Hearts 3 (S Meads lost to C Walker 9-4, 7-9, 2-9, 10-9, 6-9, A Kirkland lost to M Chaloner 9-6, 2-9, 7-9, 10-8, 9-10, T Garner lost to J Wellings 9-4, 7-9, 0-9, 0-9)

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Men's singles: First round: P Rafter (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 6-3, 1-6, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, K Novacek (Cz) bt B Shelton (US) 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt C Ruud (Nor) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; D Nestor (Can) bt A Mronz (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-1, 7-6, 6-3; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1, G Rusedski (Can) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, G Forget (Fr) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-3, 7-6, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 7-6, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, S Campbell (US) bt C Adams (US) 6-2, 7-6, ret; R Vasek (Cz) bt M Petchey (GB) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3. D Prinosil (Ger) bt B Black (Zim) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; T Martin (US) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt B Larkham (Aus) 6-3, 6-0, 6-1; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; J Golmard (Fr) bt L Jensen (US) 6-2, 6-1, 6-3; B Steven (NZ) bt H Skoff (Austria) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 7-6, 7-6, 6-4; V Spadea (US) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 6-0, ret; R Krajicek (Holl) bt C Marsh (SA) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; N Kulti (Swe) bt J Stark (US) 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; K Carlsen (Den) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-3, 7-6, 2-6, 6-7, 6-1; M Ondruska (SA) bt S Stolle (Aus) 2-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; J Bates (GB) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-4, 6-7, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt B Ellwood (Aus) 2-6, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 3-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2; P McEnroe (US) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; W Black (Zim) bt G Doyle (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5.

Women's singles: First round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt Li Fang (China) 6-2, 6-0; M Babel (Ger) bt M Endo (Japan) 6-4, 6-2, C Singer (Ger) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-1, 6-3, C Rubin (US) bt K Radford (Aus) 6-1, 6-2; W Probst (Ger) bt E Hakami (US) 6-3, 6-2; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; S Pitkowski (Fr) bt H Nagano (Japan) 6-3, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 6-1, 6-7, 6-0; S Drake Brockman (Aus) bt N Kijimuta 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, E Makarova (Russ) bt M Paz (Arg) 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; O Randriantefy (Madagascar) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-3, 7-6; A Gavaldón (Mex) bt Y Basting (Holl) 6-2, 6-0; L Davenport (US) bt D Graham (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt A Grossman (US) 6-1, 6-2; I Spirlea (Rom) bt J Halard (Fr) 6-0, 7-5; W Wilmeyer (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 6-4, 6-4, L Courtois (Bel) bt K Kroupova (Cz) 7-6, 6-2; Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt K-A Guse (Aus) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

ATP TOUR: Leading rankings: Men: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,945pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 3,249; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,237; 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 3,007; 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,927; 6, M Chang (US) 2,548; 7, S Edberg (Swe) 2,504; 8, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470. 9, M Stich (Ger) 2,423; 10, T Martin (US) 2,249. 11, J Courier (US) 2,072; 12, Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 2,041. 13, W Ferreira (SA) 1,990. 14, M Rosset (Swi) 1,761; 15, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,683; 16, T Muster (Austria) 1,616. 17, R Krajicek (Hol) 1,589. 18, M Larsson (Swe) 1,526; 19, P Korda (Czech) 1,316; 20, J Stoltenberg (Aus) 1,282.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Sixth round: David Lloyd Renfrew bt Top Spin Darlington w-o; FFS Hallamshire Sheffield 3 Huddersfield 0, Edgbaston Priory 3 Lakenham Norwich 0; Nottingham Indoor 3 Lincoln Indoor 0; Connaught 0 Clearview Brentwood 3, Purne Gosling 3 David Lloyd Chigwell 0; David Lloyd Bushey 3 Roehampton 0; Walton Astro's 3 Middlesex University 0. BBC 1 Oakleigh Park 2. Carlton 3 Telford Park Streatham 0; Chris Lane Woking 0 Royal Berkshire 3, Crawley 3 Deal 0; Sutton Junior 2 Maidstone 1; David Lloyd Eastbourne 1 Centrecourt Basingstoke 2.

VOLLEYBALL

SENIOR KNOCKOUT CUP: Sheffield Wednesday Mizuno 1 Malory Lewisham 3: Reebok Liverpool City 3 Camden Aquila 1, Team Icarus Egham 0 Wessex 3; Whitfield 3 Chester 1. First division: Klea Leeds 3 Wessex 1, London Mallory 3 Ashcombe 1, Sale 3 Birmingham 0.

England's fitness concerns recede

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

DEAN Richards and Martin Johnson, the two Leicester forwards affected by illness and injury over the weekend, are confident they will be fit to play for England on the opening weekend of the rugby union five nations' championship, against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday.

Richards, the experienced No 8, has recovered from flu and will join his colleagues when England assemble for training at Roehampton today. Johnson, the lock, could not complete training on Sunday because of a strained hamstring, but said yesterday: "It's come on very well. I'm pleased and I should be there."

There will, therefore, be no consequential effect on the England A team, who meet the Irish at Donnybrook on Friday. That will be a relief for their management, who have already drafted Andy Tunningley, the Saracens full back, into the squad in the expectation that Mark Mapletoft will withdraw. Mapletoft exacerbated an old cruciate ligament injury playing for Gloucester last Saturday and there are worries that he may require a long rest from the game.

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That would be a blow for his club, for whom he has played so effectively this season, and for the player himself, who has now missed appearances for England's emerging players and an A international because of injury.

Ireland will know today whether Michael Bradley, their scrum half and captain, will play against England. Bradley and his wife, Gillian, lost their newborn son last weekend and the sympathy of the whole rugby community is with them. Bradley met Noel Murphy, his father-in-law and the national team manager, yesterday and a decision whether or not to play was deferred 24 hours.

Looking beyond the five nations, England have reiterated this week their request to Rugby World Cup Ltd (RWC) that they should remain based at sea level during the tournament in South Africa this summer. At the moment, all quarter-finalists are due to stay in Johannesburg, at altitude, but if England reach the knockout stage they hope to be based in Cape Town.

"We feel, having sounded out medical opinion, that we would have a better chance of reaching the final if we stayed at sea level," John Elliott, the assistant manager, said. England stay in Durban for all their pool games, and Elliott added: "Our players have been working for four years towards this, and if there is a better option [than the RWC has approved], we should go for it. We believe there is."

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) has agreed to meet representatives of the Welsh Rugby Union next week to discuss the 1999 World Cup. "If we can reach agreement over some sort of plan that the four home unions will support, that will be good news," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the RFU, said yesterday.

Wales hopes to host the 1999 tournament and stage the final in Cardiff, but the other three unions hope for some share of the tournament — as they would have received under the emergency schedule worked out by Wales in the event that the World Cup had to be moved from South Africa. The home unions committee meets on February 11 and hopes to establish a common approach to 1999.

One of Australia's successful 1991 World Cup team is planning a comeback in time for this summer. Marty Roebuck, the full back in the final at Twickenham four years ago, retired after the 1993 match against France in Paris, but is hoping to make the Australia squad, in which a vacancy exists after the loss to rugby league last month of Darren Junee, the utility back.

☐ Steve Cottrell, the New Zealand centre forced by injury to withdraw from the University match at Twickenham last month five hours before the kick-off, will captain Cambridge this year. Cottrell (Christ's College, Christchurch and St Edmund's) is doing a two-year masters degree in law. The club's secretary will be Richard Bramley (QEGS Wakefield and St Edmund's), who will captain England Students against their Irish counterparts in Port Laoise on Friday.

Burke is the latest in an illustrious line of Irish stand-off halves, despite learning the game in England

Burke graduates to Irish ranks

David Hands finds a promising stand-off half ready to remind England of his precocious talent

The first comment made by his coach at Cork Constitution was that Paul Burke possesses good hands, yet those who knew him as a student at Loughborough University remember a neat, compact player who could kick pretty well. Is he, then, another all-rounder in a long and distinguished line of Ireland stand-off halves?

Yes and no. He is certainly a man at ease with himself, which is reflected in his form for Constitution and for Munster, that has projected him all the way to the international arena and a meeting with England on Saturday. It is a timely projection, since this is Burke's "gap" year in terms of higher education — he acquired his degree in sports science and management from Loughborough and has hopes of an Oxbridge place next autumn — and he has a perfect opportunity to advance his claims for a place in the Ireland World Cup squad this summer.

There is, too, a mature head on young shoulders. Everything about Burke's brief career — he will be 22 in May — indicates as much: captain of the British Catholic schools football team, which won in Europe when he was a pupil at Cardinal Godfrey School in Sunbury; head of house and school at Epsom College; captain of England's colts team during the 1992 season and anxious, when he opted for Ireland in 1993, that his motives for doing so should be understood.

Yet, although Burke's parents are from Galway and Kildare respectively, he was born in Paddington and has spent all his life in England. The public house that Finbar and Nora Burke run is little more than a healthy punt from Twickenham, and Don Rutherford, the technical director of the Rugby Football Union, was gratified, in these days of mixed loyalties, to receive an explanatory letter from the promising young player.

"I had the privilege of coming up through the English ranks, nurtured by their coaches and I have had some lucky breaks," Burke said. "It was a very difficult decision to change, because of all the friends I had made, the time and effort England had put into me. I didn't want to leave a bad taste in anyone's mouth, but the decision had to be made and nobody put any pressure on me at all."

That season, Burke had partnered Kyran Bracken, an opponent on Saturday, in the England Under-21 side. The two half backs would have played together in Bracken's year as England Schools captain, but Burke sustained a broken leg 12 days before the first international and his schools caps came the following season.

However, last season was difficult for Burke. He had chosen early to play senior rugby with London Irish, whom he joined as a youngster, rather than for Loughborough, but the combination of third-year studies and a struggling league team proved too much.

"I was behind with my work and it was a blessing in disguise when I picked up a few injuries and couldn't play," he said. "I wasn't enjoying my rugby in the Courage league. Every game was a must-win situation and London Irish were being beaten by a couple of points all the time.

"I had to get my head down and earn my degree, but once John Davies, who coached me at 16 Group level, telephoned me to say he was coaching in Cork and asked if I wanted to spend a season there, it was like learning to play rugby over again. I have rediscovered the way I used to play. I feel confident and I am also goal-kicking, which I didn't do for the Irish."

A runner, a kicker, a points-accumulator — have Ireland found another Ollie Campbell with whom to torment opponents? Ironically, Burke's admiration is for Michael Lynagh, of Australia, and Rob Andrew, of England, players he had watched so frequently on television and against whom he now finds himself appearing. "I see Rob as an ideal stand-off, he has all the qualities of the complete player," Burke said. In educational terms, he will not make a closer case study than at Lansdowne Road on Saturday.

S Africa applauds du Plessis decision

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

THE replacement of Jannie Engelbrecht as manager of the South Africa rugby team by Morné du Plessis, the former Springbok captain, just four months before the start of the World Cup has been hailed by rugby watchers in South Africa as a master-stroke on the part of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) and Dr Louis Luyt, its controversial president.

Du Plessis's appointment, calculated to "ensure an atmosphere of harmony, co-operation and unity within South African rugby", has been widely welcomed. He was seen as the only candidate capable of healing the rift between Luyt and Engelbrecht that opened after the disastrous tour of New Zealand last year and which had threatened to split South African rugby down the middle.

The departure of Engelbrecht comes despite the apparent cessation of hostilities between the manager and the Sarfu president. At the end of last summer, Luyt recanted his decision to resign and confirmed Engelbrecht as manager of the side that toured Scotland, Wales and Ireland during the autumn. But the parting of the ways was sealed during that tour, when it was clear that there was no love lost between the two forceful personalities.

Not only is du Plessis still regarded as one of the Springbok all-time greats — he successfully captained South Africa in 15 internationals between 1975 and 1980 — but the former No 8 also played under Engelbrecht at Stellenbosch. His links with the province could appease any angry reaction from Western Province supporters, especially as South Africa have to play their three World Cup pool matches in Cape Town.

Luyt was jeered and booed in the city at the height of the Engelbrecht saga and was the target of catcalls during the South Africa-England international in Newlands last year.

Kitch Christie, the South Africa coach, praised the decision to appoint du Plessis, and Engelbrecht himself called on rugby followers to get behind the new manager. "He is a respected man who will do a good job," he said.

In recent years, du Plessis, 45, has shunned offers from South Africa's rugby administration and has made it clear that he accepted the manager's job only after being convinced that "the damage between Sarfu and Engelbrecht was irreparable". He said yesterday that he had no plans to continue in the role beyond the World Cup, when he will return to managing his sports goods business.

Higgins hovers on brink of defeat

By Phil Yates

TAI PICHIT, the former Buddhist monk responsible for the most surprising result of last season, was well placed to eliminate Alex Higgins from the qualifying competition of the Embassy world snooker championship at Blackpool yesterday.

Pichit, who, as a wildcard entry, beat Stephen Hendry 5-2 in the Thailand Open in his native Bangkok ten months ago, outplayed Higgins to establish a 6-3 lead in their sixth-round match over the best-of-19 frames. Higgins, the world champion in 1972 and 1982, began encouragingly with a 71 break in the first frame and it appeared that Pichit was overawed.

Leading 44-1 in the second frame, Higgins seemed set to move 2-0 ahead, but Pichit produced a spectacular shot which turned the tide. Pichit, the 1993 world amateur champion who is in his first season as a professional, pulled off a three-ball plant to initiate a clearance of 67 and level the match.

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Two scrappy frames then fell to Pichit, and although Higgins won the fifth, there was to be no sustained fightback. Pichit, with four victories to his credit in the championship already this year, responded with a break of 111 in the sixth frame and added the seventh to lead 5-2.

The Irishman's frustration became evident when he split the pack of reds far and wide from the break-off shot in the eighth frame. Higgins went in-off — and Pichit stepped in with a break of 67 for 6-2.

Higgins won the closing frame of the first session, but still required seven of the remaining ten frames to reach the seventh, and penultimate, qualifying round today.

John Higgins, the winner of the Skoda Grand Prix in October, built a 6-3 lead over John Read, while Eddie Charlton, of Australia, 65, led Darryn Walker 7-2.

Higgins: frustration

COURAGE FIRST XV

This week's top score of 576 rated points, far less than last week's freak result, was achieved by J. Holden of Grayshott, Surrey. His team, Holden's Extra D, included three of only five league players on Saturday to score more than 100 rated points. The highest was West Hartlepool's Mitchell, whose try earned a useful 165 points.

Mr Holden, who jumps to 40th place overall, wins two cases of Courage Best and a fully-installed BT satellite system which will enable him to watch the Courage Clubs Championship on Sky.

Petersfield RFC will be grateful to him too; as his nominated club they win five cases of Courage beer and a table for ten at the Courage lunch before England's trial game of this season's Five Nations Championship against Scotland at Twickenham on March 18.

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Who Ate The Pies	Mr Steve Blake	132	3887
2 Toppers X V	P Gorring	257	3821
3 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	386	3736
4 Baby In Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	182	3658
5 Mels Flying XV	Mr M Horton	92	3624
6 Arca Fidelis	Maj A McCobbin	182	3617
7 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	282	3586
8 Pendeen	Mr JTO Jones	50	3540
9 Notts One	Mr Justin Nott	82	3515
10 Linden	Mr A Newbold	72	3493
11 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	132	3437
12 Barneys Bowmen	Mr AK Jenkinson	328	3434
13 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	221	3424
14 Fuhrers Select X	DA Crawley-Boevey	458	3424
15 Playtub Auras	Mr P Astbury	226	3424
16 Crash Ball Viper	Mr D Edwards	0	3424
17 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	222	3421
18 Grimeys Gritters	Mr G Noel	190	3395
19 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shepherd	347	3381
20 Newly Spawns	RW Eales	216	3361
21 Gosforth To Go U	Mr I Sadd	218	3361
22 Pointophobes XV	Dr E George	254	3375
23 S Calver XV	Mr Simon Calver	110	3360
24 Dillonshire	HLB Etherton	144	3350
25 The Cobblers	Mr T Harrison	50	3346
26 Belmont	Mrs Ferida McFarland	182	3340
27 The Old Team Cis	Mr A Sykes	259	3295
28 Earidge	F Bell	264	3295
29 Old Bonsarodians	Mr R Skivington	331	3291
30 Big's Giants	Mr Patrick Arpedge	259	3288
31 Super Side Stags	Mr Andrew Stackbeck	258	3287
32 LI Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	135	3255
33 Blue And Whites	Mr D Brook	182	3250
34 Holden's Extra D	J Holden	576	3246
35 Leerpark	MDS Lawrence	50	3244
36 The Random Putts	Miss LM Dawson	269	3230
37 Bobs	Mr N Rhodes	50	3222
38 Cosby Saints	Mr HR Hughes	234	3210
39 No team name	DM Davies	140	3209
40 No team name	DM Davies	140	3209
41 E S Vitry	Mr T Nadin	0	3202
42 Wabe's Wanderers	Mr MC Wabe	213	3197
43 Old Digbethians	Mr D Finnis	214	3187
44 Messers Marauder	Mr Tim Messer	0	3185
45 Grand Slam First	Mr A E Jones	345	3180
46 Jackspoots	Mr JH Wight	351	3179
47 Sbdsen	Mr P Rymer	284	3175
48 Don't Say Pig	MA Skelton	182	3172
49 Minstrels City	Mr Garry Millan	212	3171
50 No team name		127	3166

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Whist	Mrs E Howard	164	1486
2 Humbug Players	Mr Mick Nicholas	204	1386
3 Morgenbusters	ML Jones	312	1291
4 Stores 2nd 15	Mr S Crawley	254	1219
5 More Jones Boys	ML Jones	289	1218
6 Krebshire	S Wilson	254	1196
7 Cherage	Mr A Stilton	284	1128
8 Wycombe Wobblers	Mr Ian Horn	214	1071
9 Kings Head Babes	Mr JP O'Mahoney	272	1051
10 No More Jones Bo	ML Jones	282	1001
11 Trying Times XX	RA Bree	247	958
12 Savvy Superstars	Mr JLR Saverimutto	289	961
13 Bob's Tryers	Mr R Dunn	184	957
14 The Army 1	Mr A Charles	204	955
15 Probyn Kickers	R Hetherington	50	945
16 Rams New Greats	RE March	204	941
17 No team name	Mr A Manly	214	922
18 Bristol Retards	D Powell	212	911
19 Erik's Lot	Mr SS Gillespie	254	906
20 Deglocks	Mr Peter Smith	356	904
21 Bradlaugh X V	G Savage	214	893
22 Greens Giants	Mr J R Green	254	891
23 Harrogate Blues	T Pocock	284	887
24 Billy's Bashers	Mr William Hall	242	886
25 Priorstown	Mr DJ Mason	216	874
26 Greyhounds	Mr JC Matthews	221	873
27 Polly's Props	Mrs P Spokes	297	861
28 The Griffins	Mr I Michie	304	858
29 Darkhorses 2 XV	ST Kingston	482	855
30 Plasters	Claire Bond	253	843

NOTES:

1. The 15 new players with code numbers of 301 and above are in the second-half game only.
2. The scores from any matches postponed during this part of the season will count in the table published on the first Wednesday after they are eventually played. The weekly prize will therefore be awarded on the basis of the scores printed in each weekly points table.
3. Any queries relating to any aspect of The Times Courage First XV should be addressed to the organisers at PO Box 600, Luton, LU2 0NZ, phone 0582-457444

[illegible] SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	2K	16	32	202	42
2 P HULL	11	0	0	55	0
3 M MAPLETOFT	4K	6	22	340	66
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	17	5	85	85	85
6 I HUNTER	13	0	0	65	0
7 S TABERNER	18	0	0	0	0
8 J MALLINDER	13	5	65	234	65
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	0	0
10 K OLIPHANT	6K	0	0	312	0
LEAGUE 2					
11 R GEE	16	0	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	6K	5	30	370	30
13 R HENNESSY	19	0	0	285	0
14 D MILLARD	16	0	0	240	0
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	85	0
16 S MASON	6K	12	72	786	150
17 M GALLAGHER	7K	11	77	611	77
18 A TUNNINGLEY	4K	6	24	432	32
19 M JACKSON	5K	11	55	820	125
20 S SWINDELLS	4K	6	24	400	48
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	10	5	50	200	50
22 D JOHN	12	0	0	60	0
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	0	280	0
24 J KEYTER	16	0	0	80	0
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	150	0
26 H THORNEYCROFT	15	0	0	0	0
27 J NAYLOR	12	5	60	120	60
28 S VERBICKAS	7	0	0	105	0
29 P HOPLEY	11	0	0	165	55
30 O EVANS	12	0	0	60	0
31 B EVANS	14	0	0	0	0
32 B HANAVAN	9K	0	0	135	0
33 M CORCORAN	6K	0	0	480	0
34 T WATSON	10	0	0	0	0
35 D HANSON	12	0	0	0	0
36 D CASADO	13	0	0	65	0
37 R BYRON	14	0	0	0	0
38 N KEMP	16	0	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	18	0	0	195	0
40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
301 S BARDEN	13	0	0	0	0
302 D PAYNE	12	0	0	0	0
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	13	0	0	130	0
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	9	0	0	0	0
43 S MASLEN	17	0	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	16	0	0	240	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	16	0	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	7K	9	63	448	161
48 J BAXENDELL	17	0	0	255	85
49 D HOPLEY	14	0	0	420	5
50 A ELWINE	22	5	110	220	110
309 D EDWARDS	17	0	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	22	0	0	0	0
52 P SEED	19	0	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	19	0	0	475	0
54 M SLY	23	0	0	0	0
55 J BONNEY	20	0	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	14	0	0	280	0
57 A FURLEY	22	0	0	330	0
58 J BUCKTON	18	5	90	270	90
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	110	0
60 A NORTHEY	23	0	0	115	0
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62 R KNIBBS	13	0	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	18	0	0	360	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	60	0
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66 N BEAL	5	0	0	0	0
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69 G CHILDS	16	0	0	240	0
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72 S DOUGH	17	0	0	235	170
73 S BURNS	14	0	0	0	0
74 R ERIKSSON	16	0	0	180	0
75 A KERR	7K	6	42	196	112
76 M TETLOW	20	0	0	0	0
77 B MUSTO	21	0	0	105	0
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79 P WHITE	20	0	0	100	100
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81 S GEOGHEGAN	10	5	50	150	100
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83 T SMITH	5K	0	0	75	0
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	35	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	0	0	0	0
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	0	0	168	104
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91 D WOODMAN	11	0	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	15	0	0	150	0
93 V ROLANDI	12	0	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	5	70	140	140
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99 R THOMPSON	13	5	65	260	65
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305 N ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	0
10. STAND OFF					
101 M CATT	10	0	0	250	0
102 M TAINTON	2K	9	18	282	36
103 L OSBORNE	10	0	0	40	0
104 P CHALLINOR	7K	0	0	482	105
105 J HARRIS	2K	19	38	280	58
106 P GRAYSON	3K	6	18	365	42
107 G AINSCOUGH	6K	0	0	56	0
108 P TURNER	3K	11	33	231	48
109 R ANDREW	2K	0	0	208	12
110 J STABLER	5K	0	0	50	0
111 R ANGELL	5K	6	30	375	75
112 I BARCLAY	17	0	0	323	0
113 G COBBE	22	6	132	572	308
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116 I CHANDLER	8K	0	0	45	0
117 N CARROLL	12	3	36	36	36
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120 N RYAN	24	6	144	720	264
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	16	0	0	80	0
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135 G BECCONSALL	20	0	0	0	0
136 B DOUGLAS	14	0	0	70	70
137 A ROYER	24	0	0	0	0
138 S DAVIES	18	0	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	16	0	0	120	0
140 S WRIGHT	25	0	0	250	125
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	33	0	0	0	0
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307 R FULLER	36	0	0	0	0
2. HOOKERS					
161 G DAWE	34	0	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	40	0	0	200	0
163 D KEARSEY	38	0	0	0	0
164 S MOORE	36	0	0	175	0
165 R COCKERILL	38	0	0	0	0
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169 K DUNN	38	0	0	0	0
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173 R KELLAM	39	0	0	0	0
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175 D BALL	35	0	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	33	0	0	330	165
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308 M DIXON	35	0	0	0	0
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207 C COOPER	37	0	0	0	0
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209 R KINSEY	35	0	0	175	0
210 J DIXON	34	0	0	0	0
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5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	36	0	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	35	0	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	38	0	0	180	0
224 B DAVISON	46	0	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	34	0	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	32	0	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	40	0	0	0	0
228 R MCCARTNEY	38	0	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	32	0	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	46	0	0	0	0
309 J FOWLER	32	0	0	160	160
231 R MACKIE	37	0	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	35	0	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	38	0	0	150	0
234 R SCOTT	40	0	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	38	0	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	40	0	0	405	0
237 C GRAY	42	0	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	44	0	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	48	0	0	0	0
240 N ALLOTT	46	0	0	0	0
310 M BRIGHT	38	0	0	0	0

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	21	0	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	24	0	0	120	0
243 P GLANVILLE	27	0	0	0	0
244 T COKER	25	0	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	24	0	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	22	0	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	29	0	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	18	0	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	27	0	0	135	0
250 D MITCHELL	33	5	165	165	165
251 L CROFTS	34	0	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	34	0	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	29	0	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	32	0	0	160	0
255 R POLL	29	0	0	145	0
256 M CORRY	20	0	0	200	0
257 N BERRY	30	0	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	28	0	0	420	0
259 P STEWART	32	0	0	160	0
260 D BLYTH	24	0	0	0	0
311 P IRONS	24	0	0	0	0
312 D WRIGHT	25	0	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	23	0	0	230	0
262 D EVES	20	0	0	500	0
263 I SMITH	28	0	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	25	0	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	30	0	0	300	0
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	0	0	540	135
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	145	0
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	160	0
272 I ASHTON	33	0	0	185	0
273 P NEARY	29	0	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	23	0	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	28	0	0	0	0
277 G REES	33	0	0	0	0
278 R HILL	15	0	0	80	80
279 J GRIFFITHS	24	0	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	39	0	0	330	0
313 B ROBINSON	24	0	0	0	0
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	14	0	0	70	0
282 C BARROW	21	0	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	20	0	0	200	0
285 D RICHARDS	18	0	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	16	0	0	160	80
287 D CLEARY	15	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	19	0	0	95	0
290 M WATSON	20	0	0	300	0
291 K HICKEY	16	0	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	21	0	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	17	0	0	0	0
294 D LECKIE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	23	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	18	0	0	180	90
297 M BRADLEY	16	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	19	0	0	190	0
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	29	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	0	0	0	0

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Football's great survivor may meet match

Russell Kempson on the pressure that may force Alun Evans to relinquish his role

ALUN EVANS, the chief executive of the Football Association of Wales (FAW), is one of British sport's great survivors. Though much maligned for his autocratic style of governing and often curt manner, he has stubbornly retained his £47,500-a-year job amid increasing calls for his head.

Even this week, with two FAW meetings planned, Evans is expected to stay in power. For the time being. In the mid-Wales town of Caersws last Wednesday, at a special meeting of FAW clubs, the future of Evans, 51, was discussed in the light of his altercation with John Reddy, the chairman of Merthyr Tydfil. Reddy has been campaigning vigorously to force a vote of no confidence in the FAW, and alleged he was sworn at by Evans when trying to present him with a petition, which had been signed by 25 clubs.

Evans, who became FAW secretary in 1982 and was upgraded to chief executive last year, had been on a first and final warning after making an unauthorised £53,000 loan, of FAW money, to an athletics body with which he had close links. It was swiftly repaid last year, with interest, but gave his critics further fuel.

However, after talking for four hours in Caersws, FAW councillors said that they did not consider the expletive encounter with Reddy to be a matter that merited disciplinary action. Evans, with a suitable apology to Reddy, had again survived but, after declining to comment on the decision, was involved in a brief disagreement with a local photographer.

Others were more forthcoming. Trefor Lloyd Hughes, an FAW councillor, said: "Alun is not a well man. I'm convinced of that. We have to look after his health and everybody else's."

Reddy was more scathing. "I now believe Welsh football is being run by a demi-god followed by a group of Lackies," he said. "The FAW has shown yet again its inability to deal with matters. Double standards are now par for the course." He is seeking legal advice.

It was widely expected that Evans, who was unavailable for comment yesterday, would retire in the wake of the latest chapter in his turbulent 12-year reign. However, he still has two years of his contract to run, and is also believed to be taking legal advice over the most appropriate form, if any, of severence from an increasingly fought job.

If he should decide to go, it is still likely he would be retained on a consultancy basis to help prepare the FAW case for the High Court on March 13. Newport AFC, Colwyn Bay and Caernarfon are claiming compensation after being forced to play at English grounds for two seasons after refusing to join the Konica League of Wales.

Today, the FAW meets in Wrexham to select a new secretary, someone to alleviate the pressure on Evans, if he stays, or to assume control if he goes. Three hundred applicants have been whittled down to a short-list of four. Also on the agenda is a proposal from Newtown, the Konica League club, that calls on the FAW to recognise its administrative flaws and consider a radical reorganisation of its unwieldy, 26-member council.

Should it be accepted, it is understood that Reddy may call off the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for Friday, at which the no-confidence vote would be taken. That Reddy could have succeeded is doubtful, anyway, as he has mustered the support of only 25 of the FAW's 130 clubs.

It is likely that Evans will survive until the annual council elections in July. The man who once indiscreetly gave Mike England, the former Wales manager, the Bird's Award — "he's as thick as custard" — will then, at last, relinquish his role. His options will have run dry.

Rovers owner is sport's richest man

Walker spends £54m chasing Blackburn dream

By Peter Ball

JACK WALKER, the owner of Blackburn Rovers, is the richest man in British sport. According to a new survey, his wealth is estimated at £345 million. However, unlike most of his fellows among the very rich, Walker's wealth is diminishing — and Blackburn is the main reason why. In the past four years, Walker has spent £54.1 million pursuing his ambition of winning the FA Carling Premiership.

"Walker would be a much richer man if he had left his money in the building society," Tom Rubython, the editor of *Business Age* magazine, which conducted the survey, said. "He has instead invested £100 million in two of the biggest financial black holes that are known — an airline [Jersey European] and a football club." For example, over the last two years, Blackburn has made trading losses of £14.5 million.

"Jack Walker's commitment is total," Dick Coar, the club chairman, said yesterday. "Without his backing, it [Blackburn's recent rise to prominence] would not have been possible." Certainly, Walker, who made his fortune by selling his family steel business to British Steel for £330 million in 1989, has no expectation of getting his money back. He has spent it in pursuit of a dream. The reward, if there is one, will be to see Blackburn winning trophies.

"I don't think he is looking for a dividend as such," Coar said. "He looks upon it as his participation in Blackburn Rovers and in the town."

Player purchases and rebuilding work on the stadium at Ewood Park are responsible for much of the deficit. Transfers, with Paul Warhurst, Tim Flowers, David Batty and Graeme Le Saux all arriving, accounted for £7.3 million of last year's loss of £8.2 million. That figure does not include two summer signings — Chris Sutton, priced at £5 million, and Robbie Slater, at £300,000.

The wage bill, which ran at an astonishing £5.3 million last year, demonstrates why Blackburn have been so successful in attracting some of the country's top players, with a proliferation of English players among them. With Sutton to be included, that figure, which rose £850,000 last year, can be expected to be even higher this year.

Walker: ambition

Nevertheless, the figures are slightly misleading. The ground redevelopment, which has transformed Ewood Park into one of the country's most advanced stadiums, means that, for much of the past two years, the stadium's capacity was severely restricted, at times limited to just 14,500. It now has a capacity of 31,000, although how often that will be filled will determine the club's capacity to start to break even.

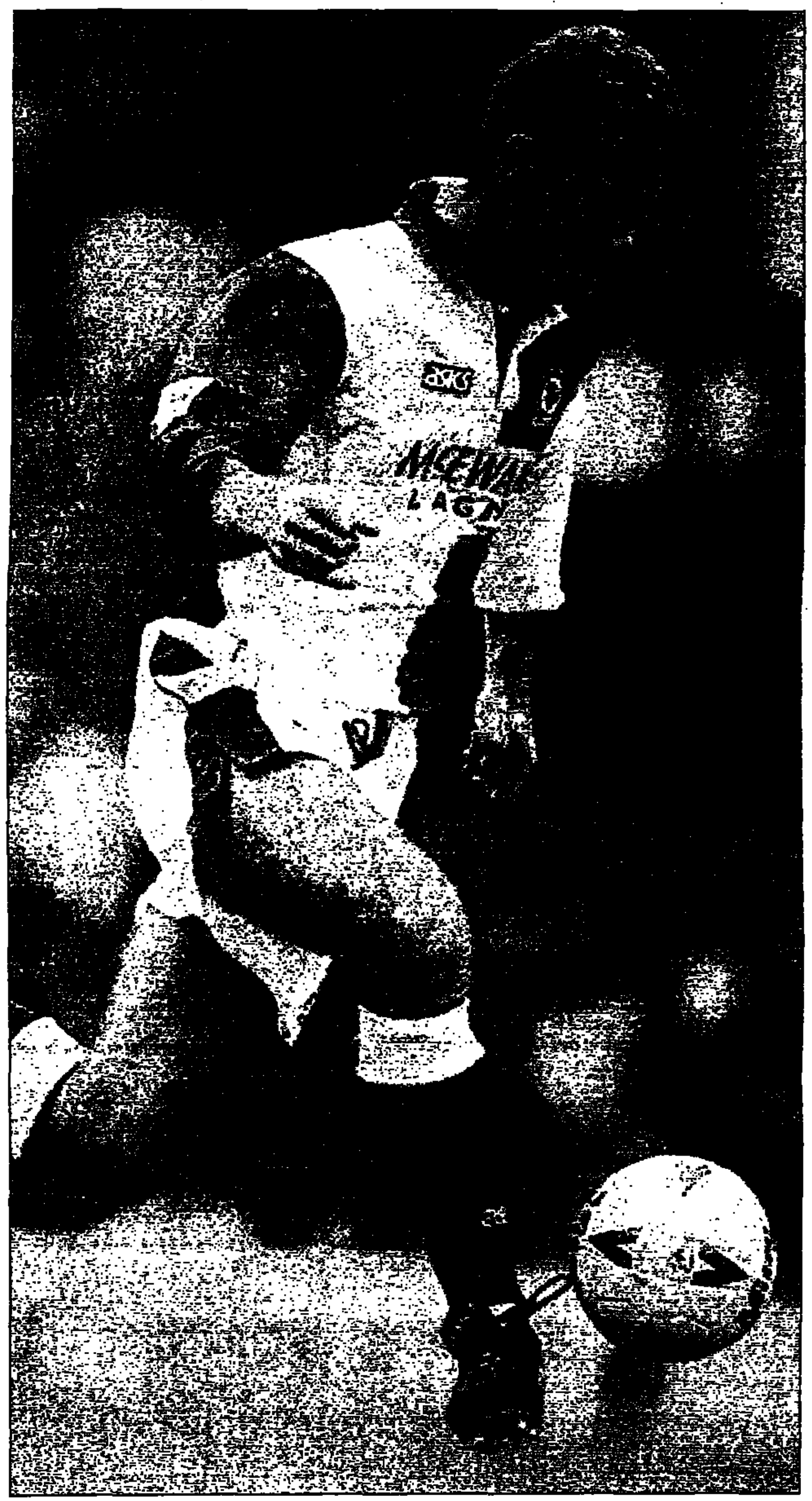
"People forget how far we have come in the three years since Kenny Dalglish took over," Coar said. "In that time, we have virtually trebled our average gate from 8,000 to the low twenty thousands."

With the club five points ahead in the Premiership, that figure should rise by the end of the season. Ewood Park will be packed tonight for the FA Cup replay with Newcastle United, themselves the beneficiaries of investment by a wealthy businessman, Sir John Hall.

With Manchester United to face in a crucial league fixture on Sunday, the big games are coming thick and fast for Blackburn at the moment, but Kenny Dalglish insisted that his team will pursue both trophies in their attempt to fulfill Walker's dream: "Everybody wants to play in cup finals and to win them," he said yesterday, parrying suggestions that his squad was too small to support a long campaign in both competitions.

The quality of the replacements available to him was visible last Saturday, when Blackburn beat Nottingham Forest 3-0, and will be tested again tonight. Newcastle showed enough in the second half of the first match at St James' Park to indicate that tonight's match is far from a forgone conclusion.

"Every game we play is a big game now and that's marvellous because, three years ago, we weren't in this position," Dalglish said. "For that, Blackburn can thank Jack Walker.



Shearer is spearheading Blackburn's expensive pursuit of the championship

Norman says world tour may be delayed

GREG NORMAN yesterday denied any involvement in a proposed world golf tour and said it would probably not get off the ground this year. "It's nothing to do with me," the Australian told a press conference. "All I was was a supporter of it, and stepped forward and voiced my opinion on it, like I've done for several years now. I don't know where it stands right now and that's the truth."

The proposals, endorsed by Norman late last year, envisaged a series of events specifically for the world's leading golfers, but there was opposition from both the United States and European Tours, who are bound by contracts with tournament organisers and sponsors.

"The proposals came from another organisation," Norman said. "I was the one they came to to get some ideas on players' perspectives of how it could be run. I still believe it will happen one of these years. I'd like to see it happen, but I couldn't even say whether or not it could happen this year."

Gales hamper racing

YACHTING: Racing for places in the America's Cup was cancelled off San Diego on Monday because of unseasonal gales (Barry Pickthall writes). Twelve-foot seas pounding in through the entrance to Mission Bay made it impossible for Kevin Mahaney's *Young America* to race against Dennis Conner's *Stars & Stripes*. The programme was scheduled to resume yesterday, featuring a match between the unbeaten New Zealand teams led by Russell Coutts and Chris Dickson.

Cup battle beckons

HOCKEY: The draw for the fifth round of the Hockey Association Cup sets up a clash between Teddington, the holders, and Havant, the winners in 1990. While the outcome will be eagerly awaited, the match is unlikely to be played on February 12, the appointed date. Both clubs are entitled to seek a postponement as they have players on duty for England in the Indira Gandhi tournament in Delhi.

HA CUP: Fifth round: Cannock v Reading; Guildford v Warwick; Neston v Barford Tigers; Teddington v Havant; Hampstead and Westminster v Richmond; Formby v Firebrands, Isca v Spencer; Stourport v Southgate.

Elliot cuts competition

EQUESTRIANISM: Virginia Elliot, the former world and European three-day event champion, is to scale down her competitive riding over the next two years. She has failed to find a sponsor for her horses and will concentrate on her new role as "jump coordinator" to the British team. Elliot said that she was not retiring but would compete with only two young horses this season — Mostly Mischief and Derry Brig. "It was a difficult decision," Elliot, 39, said, "but, after 18 months of trying to find a sponsor, there was little choice."

Doyle chooses team

CYCLING: Tony Doyle, the British Cycling Federation track racing director, has leant heavily towards those with international experience in choosing his committee. It comprises: Louise Jones, the Commonwealth sprint champion in 1992; Dave LeGrys, a former professional sprint champion; Mick Bennett, a Commonwealth team pursuit gold medal-winner in 1974; Geoff Cooke, a national tandem champion in the Seventies; and Ken Farnes and Barry Broadbent, both administrators.

Capes joins Monarchs

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Lewis Capes, 23, the son of Geoff, the former British shot putter, has been selected to play for London Monarchs. Capes, a defence lineman, is one of seven Monarchs in a total of 42 European players from eight countries due to play in the World League of American Football. They will join their American team-mates at a training camp in Atlanta, Georgia, next month before returning to Europe on March 27 to begin final preparations for the ten-week season, which starts on April 8.

Davis retains lead

GLIDING: After the long but fast tasks on Monday, when Andy Davis, of Great Britain, flew into the lead of the Standard class world championship at 130kph —final-gliding from the penultimate turning point from 20,000ft — the blue-thermal, shorter tasks undertaken yesterday, above Omarama, New Zealand, were almost totally completed by all entrants at comparable speeds. Brian Spreckley, of Britain, led the Standard class at 125kph, and rose to third overall; Davis finished thirteenth and held his lead.

Gregory sells up at Portsmouth

By Our Sports Staff

JIM GREGORY, the Portsmouth chairman, is selling the South Coast club because of his worsening health. Gregory's son, Martin, also a director of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division side, declined to name a price, but will be hoping to recoup the multimillion pound outlay at Fratton Park.

He says there have already been "one or two approaches" for the club which was recently refused permission to relocate to a site at Farlington.

A self-made millionaire, Gregory, 66, started work buying for his parent's fish stall in Hammersmith market before going into the motor trade. He started with one garage finished with a large group — and control of Queens Park Rangers in 1965. He presided when, in 1967 as a third division side, Rangers won the League Cup and then led them into the top flight.

Gregory sold his interests in Rangers for £5.8 million in 1987 before suffering heart trouble. He recovered and came out of retirement in 1988 when he bought out the Portsmouth chairman, John Deacon, after the club had been relegated from the first division.

Deacon's son, David, is vice-chairman, but has ruled out trying to buy back the club. Martin Gregory will step down along with his father, saying: "A new broom will want to do things his way."

Debt-ridden Gillingham, of the third division, have been put up for sale. The receivers, called in because of mounting financial problems, are hopeful the club will attract potential buyers and have compiled a prospectus.

Roger Alwen has stepped down after six years as chairman of Charlton, of the first division. His fellow director Martin Simons takes over as chairman, with Richard Murray becoming vice-chairman and managing director.

The Leicester youth-team coaches, Tony McAndrew and Kevin MacDonald, yesterday added to Mark McGhee's problems at the Premiership's bottom club by resigning just five weeks after his appointment as manager.

The pair took charge of the first team for three matches following the dramatic departures of the manager, Brian Little, coach John Gregory, and assistant manager Allan Evans in November. All three are now with Aston Villa.

But MacDonald insisted he and McAndrew had left on good terms. He said: "We just felt it was time for us to move on and look for something else."

Leicester are expected to make their second signing in two days with the arrival on a month's loan of the Celtic midfield player, Mike Galloway, following on the heels of Mark Robins, from Norwich.

Galloway, 29, the former Mansfield, Halifax and Heart of Midlothian utility player, has been at Celtic for six years. Leicester are aiming to secure a permanent deal if Galloway impresses.

Mansell in favour with Hakkinen

MIKA HAKKINEN has indicated that he would like Nigel Mansell as his McLaren team-mate for the 1995 Formula One season. The Finnish driver described his ideal team-mate at a news conference yesterday and, although he did not mention Mansell's name, he said that he hoped to have a quick, experienced driver alongside him for the 1995 campaign.

Norman Howell, a Maclaren-Mercedes spokesman, said that Mansell was one of the drivers to whom Ron Dennis, the team manager, was talking. "It's no mystery that Nigel has been at our headquarters recently," Howell said. "I can't elaborate. Discretion is a must at this point of negotiation."

McLaren will be powered by a brand-new 3,000cc Mercedes engine in 1995. Howell said the car would be ready by mid-February.

Eubank faces greater risk

By Our Sports Staff

CHRIS EUBANK dashed home from a ten-day break in South Africa yesterday after learning that he will face Steve Collins instead of Ray Close in Belfast on February 11. Eubank is likely to step up his preparations for World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight championship defence against Close's former stablemate at Kings Hall.

Eubank sees the WBO middleweight champion as a greater threat than Close, despite their two controversial meetings. The Ulsterman was forced to withdraw after abnormalities were found in the brain scan carried out as part of the boxer's medical procedure.

Barry Hearn, who manages both men, said: "Eubank realises that this is going to be a very tough fight. This is what the hard fight fans call a 'proper' fight." Hearn believes that Collins, 30, will provide Eubank's most dangerous opponent since Nigel Benn in 1990.

"Chris enjoyed himself in South Africa, but when I put the fight with Collins to him, like the professional he is, he said 'yes, I have to fight — so let's do it'," Hearn said. "The Irish people can expect a war on February 11. Two world champions going head to head is a rarity in boxing, so they will be in for a real treat."

Hearn was clearly keen to boost ticket sales for the contest. After the promoter's lengthy monologue, Collins commented: "After that build-up, I wish I'd held out for more money!"

He showed little concern, however, for the fact that he would be stepping up from opponents of 11st 6lb to facing a man of 12st. "It just means that when Chris hits the floor he will make a bigger noise than the rest of my opponents," the Irishman said. "I've no problem moving up in weight. Ray Robinson moved up from welterweight and beat some of the best middleweights around."

Collins has, however, mixed in the highest class. He lost close decisions to Mike McCallum and Reggie Johnson, World Boxing Association middleweight champions. Since winning the WBO version from Chris Pyatt last May, the Dubliner has had a disappointing time with two proposed defences against Lonny Beasley, of the United States, both postponed.

Collins said: "That's all in the past now and I'm looking to the future. I've always been a positive person and I'll be ready for Eubank. With a wife and three kids, I don't get any chance to mess about and I'm in good shape at the moment anyway! There'll be no excuses if I lose."

Final say on the contest is still subject to approval by Sky Television, who have an eight-bout £10 million deal with Eubank, Hearn said.

FULL GUIDE TO TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup

Third round replays

Arsenal v Millwall (7.45)
Blackburn v Newcastle (7.45)
Bristol Rovers v Luton (8.0)
Liverpool v Birmingham (7.45)
Manchester City v Notts County (7.45)
Stoke v Bristol City (7.45)
Tranmere v Bury
West Bromwich v Coventry (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division

Hearts v Hibernian (7.45)

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston Utd v Gainsborough

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff v Ton Pentre

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v West Ham (at Hitchin, 2.0), Southampton v Portsmouth (at at Marchwood FC); Swindon v QPR, Wimbledon v Oxford Utd (at Plough Lane, 2.0). *Second division:* Bath v Plymouth (at Keynsham). Bournemouth v Swansea (2.0); Cardiff v Yeovil (7.45)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Everton (at Walsall FC, 7.0). Derby v Sunderland (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Rotherham (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Mansfield (7.0), Huddersfield v Preston (7.0), Port Vale v York (7.0).

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta v Hoddesdon; Buckingham Ath v Milton Keynes; Hatfield v Shillington, Royston v Langford

JEWSON FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Histon (7.45)

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Stamco; Whitehawk v Shoreham.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: West Ham v Barnet; Colchester v Leyton Orient; Southend v Crawley; Woking v Cambridge Utd, Wokingham v Brentford, Wycombe v Sutton United

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Holker Old Boys v Penrith

WORECESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Sutton Coldfield v Moor Green

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Newport Pagnell v Bracknell.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

Warrington v Castleford
Widnes v Workington

Second division

Keighley v Leigh
Hull KR v Ryedale York

RUGBY UNION

Representative Match
West Wales Schools v
NZ Schools (at Swansea, 6.30)

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v RAF (3.0); Oxford University v Royal Navy (3.0).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Chester Jets v Sheffield Sharks; Leopards v London Towers (7.0).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham Bullets v Hemel Royals (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: World championship qualifying (Blackpool)

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	50	120	good	varied	fair	fine	1	13/1
(Good sunny skiing on soft and hard-packed snow)								
Schladming	75	140	good	heavy	worn	fine	-2	13/1
(Pistes generally good but icy/worn patches low down)								
St Anton	75	280	good	powder	good	sun	-9	13/1
(Excellent skiing throughout Arlberg; no queues)								
FRANCE								
Les Arcs	100	245	good	powder	good	fine	-2	13/1
(Sunshine, good snow, no crowds; excellent skiing)								
Flaine	115	200	good	varied	good	sun	2	12/1
(Skiing still superb; all links to other resorts open)								
Megève	70	165	good	varied	good	fine	-3	12/1
(Fine weather and good skiing continues)								
Val Thorens	120	200	good	varied	good	fine	2	12/1
(Excellent skiing; snow still in good condition; milder)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	80	250	good	varied	good	fine	-2	12/1
(Piste conditions remain generally excellent)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	75	130	good	powder	good	fine	-1	13/1
(Excellent skiing everywhere; classic January conditions)								
Zermatt	75	250	good	heavy	good	fine	-1	12/1
(Excellent skiing; warmer weather; snow forecast)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Jenks steps into spotlight as opportunity knocks

Julian Muscat meets a conditional jockey thrust from obscurity to partner his stable's leading horses

Tom Jenks can never have entertained a moment quite like it. As he enters the paddock at Ludlow shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, he will need no reminding that his time has finally arrived. A rare opportunity beckons as he embarks on a stint that will almost certainly make or break his whole career.

Ordinarily, he would be perched on nothing more sinister than the sitting-room sofa as Taos, one-time favourite for the 1993 Derby, makes his way down to the start. The reins would have been entrusted first to Carl Llewellyn; latterly to David Bridgwater. But with both nursing long-term injuries, Jenks, as third-choice jockey and apprentice to the powerful stable of Nigel Twiston-Davies, has been thrust from obscurity onto some of the country's finest racehorses.

The stakes get higher still at Haydock on Saturday, when Young Hustler locks horns with Jodami, Monsieur Le Cure and Raymylette in the most competitive Gold Cup dress-rehearsal of the season.

Yet here the complications start. Young Hustler will miss the race in the event of testing ground. And Earth Summit, his stable companion, will not replace him unless Jodami is withdrawn. For Jenks, 22, the anticipation is more than enough without him having to cast an anxious eye over the weather charts.

He also knows it is not just a case of nothing ventured, nothing gained. The jockey is at a sensitive stage of his development. He has had ten winners this term and is just one away from losing his precious riding allowance, and with it the incentive for trainers to engage him. In effect, he will be on trial for the rest of the season.

"It's a hell of a jump for him but we are confident he will do us justice," Twiston-Davies said. "He's a good young rider without an obvious weakness and you have got to be hopeful that he'll make it one day." But where? His future almost certainly lies away from Twiston-Davies, where Llewellyn and, later, Bridgwater, look secure.

"I've absolutely no idea," Jenks said. "That's why it is so important that the next few weeks go well for me. I hope to make some contacts; perhaps I'll get a good job offer at the end of the season."

Bridgwater expects to return from injury within the month. Llewellyn, meanwhile, is hoping to resume before the Cheltenham Festival in eight weeks' time. In the meantime, each is bound to be keeping close tabs on the progress of the other two.

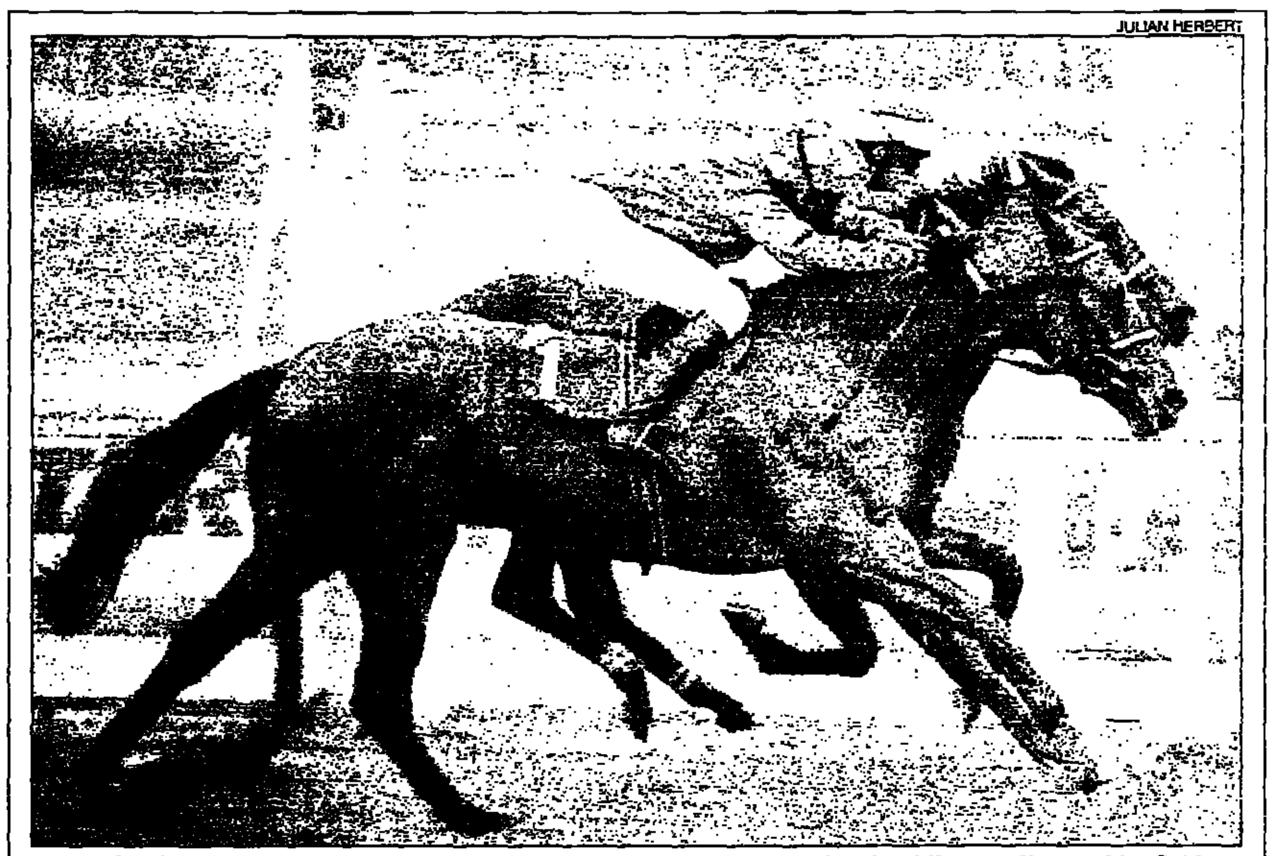
The Shropshire-born Jenks, who spent two seasons under David Nicholson's protective wing, certainly has the pedigree for National Hunt racing. His father, William, who has just revived his training career after a ten-year hiatus, perhaps offers a salient example of the game's many uncertainties. Who knows where his career might be now had he persevered beyond 1985 when an unfurnished, home-bred store horse made up the numbers?

For the horse in question was Pearlyman. Transferred to John Edwards at Ross-on-Wye, Pearlyman evolved into the dominant two-miler of his generation, winning the Queen Mother Champion Chase in both 1987 and 1988. Yet if Edwards owed a considerable debt of gratitude, he repaid it handsomely at Ayr three years ago, when he provided Jenks with his first winner. Ironically, that very horse, Monsieur Le Cure, is among Young Hustler's opponents on Saturday.

Jenks will doubtless head for that encounter fresh from seeking the advice of Peter Scudamore, the former champion National Hunt jockey now ensconsed as assistant to Twiston-Davies. The apprentice profusely praises the sorcerer, yet Scudamore insists the pupil is a talent of his own making. "He obviously needs more experience but he already rides pretty well," Scudamore said.

"If I see something in his riding I'll talk to him, but in the main it's better for him to pick things up for himself. If you go on at them you can damage their confidence," he continued. "It is important for a jockey to be relaxed and Tom has no problems on that score. He won't be at all overawed by the next few weeks."

Jenks rides the former Flat performer Taos at Ludlow



JULIAN HERBERT

Battleship Bruce and Sanders are pipped by No Pattern, nearside, in the Shanklin Handicap at Lingfield

Sanders fined for expensive mistake

SEB SANDERS, the apprentice jockey, was fined £375 after being beaten on the 11-8 second favourite, Battleship Bruce, in the one-mile Shanklin Handicap at Lingfield yesterday. He was fined under Rule 151, which concerns riding out in the finish.

Sanders dropped his hands over a furlong out when ten lengths clear. Although he shook up Battleship Bruce 50 yards from the post, he had lost momentum and No Pattern, a 16-1 chance, came with a flying late run to snatch victory by a short head.

Battleship Bruce was chasing a five-timer in the race and his Newmarket-based trainer, Neville Callaghan, was so incensed by the incident that he refused to speak to Sanders as they waited outside the stewards' room for the verdict to be announced.

☐ Rubstic, the only Scottish-trained winner of the Grand National, achieved in 1979, has died peacefully at the age of 26. He had spent his retirement in the care of his former trainer, John Leadbetter.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

1.10 Ballyea Boy
1.40 Sight'N Sound
2.10 **PLEASURE SHARED** (nap)
2.40 Doualago
3.10 Front Page
3.40 Change The Reign
4.10 Fools Errand

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 **CHANGE THE REIGN** (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

1.10 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,320: 2m 6f 110yd) (12 runners)

101 0-P ALFRON 20 (A Chadwick) C Weedon 6-11-10 .... D O'Sullivan –
102 2243 BALLYEA BOY 19 (D Barry) D Nicholson 5-11-10 .... N Williamson 98
103 0- BOY BUSTER 358 (F Gray) F Gray 6-11-10 .... M Crosse –
104 0/54-453 BRANDON PRINCE 20 (R Michaelson) I Balding 7-11-10 .... M A Fitzgerald 99
105 36464 JUST MARMALADE 11 (J Tudor) P Hobbs 6-11-10 .... Peter Hobbs 86
106 2 MYLAND 23 (BF) (Bonusprint) O Sherwood 6-11-10 .... J Osborne 91
107 1- OTTOWA 249 (G) (P Barber) P Nicholls 5-11-10 .... C Maude –
108 1/0 REX TO THE RESCUE 20 (BF,G) (P Gough) M Pipe 7-11-10 .... R Dunwoody –
109 05 SECRET BID 30 (The Droop Partners) R Alner 5-11-10 .... P Carey (7) 74
110 5/0P6U0- SHOCK TACTICS 245 (Duke of Devonshire) B De Haan 8-11-10 .... I Lawrence –
111 2-60 THE SHY PADRE 67 (M Bateman & D Collard) R Lee 6-11-10 .... R Greene –
112 32/000 WITH GUSTO 12 (R Digance) J Bridger 8-11-10 .... D Morris –

BETTING: 3-1 Brandon Prince, 4-1 Ballyea Boy, Myland, 6-1 Ottowa, 8-1 Rex To The Rescue, 12-1 Just Marmalade, 14-1 With Gusto, 16-1 The Shy Padre, 20-1 others

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

BALLYEA BOY 9¾l 3rd of 10 to Go Ballistic in Leicester novice hurdle at (2m, heavy). BRANDON PRINCE 8¾l 3rd of 16 to Givus A Call in Fontwell novice hurdle (2m 6f, soft) with ALFRON pulled up before 8th. JUST MARMALADE 21¾l 4th of 14 to My Rossini in Haydock novice hurdle (2m 6f, soft). MYLAND 3l 2nd of 11 to Call It A Day in Hereford novice hurdle (3m 3f, good to soft). OTTOWA beat You Know Who 2l in Naas NH flat race (2m, good). REX TO THE RESCUE 30l 8th to Denise's Profiles in Warwick NH flat race (2m, heavy).

Selection: BRANDON PRINCE

1.40 RAYS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,113: 2m) (18 runners)

201 1 BALANAK 12 (D,S) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 11-5 .... M Dwyer 99
202 41222 IRKUTSK 12 (V,S) (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 11-5 .... R Dunwoody 93
203 P BRENSHAM FOLLY 81 (Miss J Newnham) R Brotherton 10-12 .... T Eley (3) –
204 DAHIYAH 250F (B Pennick) G L Moore 10-12 .... M Richards –
205 0 DUELLO 36 (H Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 10-12 .... J Osborne –
206 0 ERETAN 61 (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 10-12 .... B Powell –
207 0P GRAND SALT 11 (T Daniels) M Haynes 10-12 .... D Skyrme –
208 U4 INCULCATE 11 (Swan Racing) C Weedon 10-12 .... Peter Hobbs 92
209 IRON GENT 165F (Triumph Hopeful Partnership) P Hobbs 10-12 .... C Maude –
210 IRREPRESSIBLE 127F (R Callow) R Callow 10-12 .... I Lawrence –
211 P JUST A BEAU 48 (Mrs P Donkin) Mrs L Jewell 10-12 .... Mr B Pollock (7) –
212 43 MAGIC JUNCTION 23 (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 10-12 .... M A Fitzgerald 77
213 0 STRONG PROMISE 4 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-12 .... P Verling –
214 ALWAYS GREENER 125F (S Mullins) J Mullins 10-7 .... S Earle –
215 P5U BLESSED MEMORY 23 (Mrs M Payne) R Dickin 10-7 .... R Bellamy 68
216 4 QUEENS STROLLER 18 (R Bezenson) C C Elsey 10-7 .... N Williamson 81
217 SAWTID 118F (G Parren) Graeme Roe 10-7 .... G Bradley –
218 3 SIGHT'N SOUND 18 (Oh So Hairy Partnership) D Elsworth 10-7 .... P Holley 81

BETTING: 5-2 Iron Gent, 7-2 Balanak, 4-1 Irkutsk, 7-1 Sight'N Sound, 8-1 Magic Junction, 12-1 Inculcate, 14-1 Queens Stroller, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

BALANAK beat Kaitak 25l in novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy). IRKUTSK 8l 2nd of 7 to Nipper Reed in Uttoxeter novices' handicap hurdle (2m, heavy). INCULCATE 9l 4th of 10 to Anzum in Warwick novice hurdle (2m, soft), with GRAND SALT pulled up 2 out. IRON GENT beat Keen Bid 6l in Haydock Flat handicap (1m 6f, good to firm). MAGIC JUNCTION 16l 3rd of 18 to Kailnyd in Huntingdon novice hurdle (2m, good to soft) with BLESSED MEMORY unseated rider 4th. SIGHT'N SOUND 9l 3rd to Clifton Beat in Newbury novice hurdle (2m, heavy) with QUEENS STROLLER 20l 4th and INCULCATE unseated rider last.

Selection: IRKUTSK

2.10 ROYAL WINDSOR MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,303: 2m 6f 110yd) (12 runners)

301 1-6U GENERAL CRACK 53 (G) (J Keighley) P Nicholls 6-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 70
302 055-00 GENTLEMAN SID 62 (Miss J Collison) P Murphy 5-11-10 .... E Murphy 75
303 LORD VICK (Mrs S Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 6-11-10 .... M A Fitzgerald –
304 40-2P2 LYME GOLD 20 (N Chamberlain) O Sherwood 6-11-10 .... J Osborne 99
305 00-04 MACKABEE 88 (G) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-10 .... G Bradley 71
306 0/060- PIERRE BLANCO 371 (B) (N Stewart) M Bradstock 6-11-10 .... P Holley –
307 0501-3F PLEASURE SHARED 11 (S) (M St Quinton) K Bailey 7-11-10 .... N Williamson 95
308 4/2200-4 QUARRY HOUSE 54 (Mrs E Chappell) D Chappell 7-11-10 .... G Upton 98
309 0P SONIC STAR 9 (R Husband) M Heaton-Ellis 6-11-10 .... B Powell –
310 05 WARRIOR BARD 56 (Be Swift Partnership) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 .... R Farrant 87
311 P-4 JOLIS ABSENT 8 (P Hart) M Ryan 5-11-5 .... J Ryan 93
312 00 NEW TRIBE 19 (C Robery) J White 4-10-11 .... P McLoughlin (5) –

BETTING: 11-4 Lyme Gold, 7-2 Jolis Absent, 9-2 Pleasure Shared, 7-1 Quarry House, 8-1 Mackabee, 10-1 General Crack, 12-1 Warrior Bard, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

GENERAL CRACK 31¾l 6th of 15 to Encore Un Peu in Exeter novice hurdle (2m 2f, good) penultimate start. LYME GOLD 5l 2nd of 12 to Bimsey in Warwick novice hurdle (2m, heavy). MACKABEE distance 4th of 12 to Karar in Worcester novice hurdle (2m 5f, soft). PLEASURE SHARED 40l 3rd of 7 to Idiot's Lady in Newbury novice hurdle (3m, heavy) penultimate start. QUARRY HOUSE 13l 4th to Feel The Power in Newbury novice hurdle (2m 5f, good to soft). WARRIOR BARD 20¾l 5th of 13 to Senor El Betrutti in novice hurdle here (2m, good to soft). JOLIS ABSENT 7¾l 4th to Great Marquess in Leicester novice hurdle (2m, soft).

Selection: LYME GOLD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Elsworth	8	25	32.0	P Holley	8	31	25.8
Miss H Knight	8	42	19.0	N Williamson	12	65	18.5
K Bailey	8	43	18.6	J Osborne	12	73	16.4
P Hobbs	9	50	18.0	R Dunwoody	7	50	14.0
D Grissell	5	28	17.9	M A Fitzgerald	4	29	13.8

2.40 ROYAL WINDSOR NOVICES CHASE (£3,430: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

401 13P-311 PRINCESS HOTPOT 55 (G) (Mrs S Bracher) Miss H Knight 7-11-5 .... M Perrett 74
402 6100-13 BO KNOWS BEST 48F (F,S) (D Humphreys) G L Moore 6-11-4 .... M Richards –
403 60063-5 BRAMPTON BERTIE 97 (Brimpton Holdings Ltd) D Chappell 6-11-4 .... G Upton –
404 3F0U0-0 BUCKELIGHT 29 (Mrs C Antrobus) T Forster 7-11-4 .... R Farrant 92
405 02U0/P-3 CLEVER DICK 43 (S) (Mrs P Donkin) Mrs L Jewell 10-11-4 .... J Railton –
406 262 EVENING RIOT 19 (Dr J Hollowood) A Turnell 6-11-4 .... L Harvey 84
407 P5-UF54 FINKLE STREET 71 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-4 .... A Thornton –
408 426/ FULL OF OATS 989 (I MacDonald) Miss H Knight 9-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald –
409 40-3PP4 GLAISDALE 8 (S) (Ocala Ltd) M Tompkins 6-11-4 .... N Williamson 74
410 F5PP-24 KING CREDO 32 (G,S) (G Sornell) S Woodman 10-11-4 .... J Osborne 99
411 35252F MAJOR BUSH 11 (S) (P T Racing) Miss C Johnsey 8-11-4 .... C Maude 85
412 03530-6 SKEOUGH 81 (F,G) (Mrs R Wilson) J Webber 7-11-4 .... R Bellamy –
413 /2111/ FRIENDLY LADY 593 (F,G,S) (J Grant Cann) J Cann 11-11-3 .... P Carey (7) –
414 0-11141 DOUALAGO 12 (B,D,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-10-13 .... R Dunwoody 98
415 6PF IN THE CHOIR 16 (Mrs R Symonds) R Alner 7-10-13 .... S Earle –

BETTING: 11-4 Doualago, 4-1 Bo Knows Best, 5-1 King Credo, 7-1 Glaisdale, 8-1 Princess Hotpot, 10-1 Friendly Lady, 12-1 Major Bush, Buckelight, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS

PRINCESS HOTPOT beat Channel Pastime short-head in 9-runner novice chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good). BO KNOWS BEST 10¾l 3rd of 7 to Alours in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good). EVENING RIOT 4l 2nd of 10 to Smith's Band in novice chase at Leicester (3m, good to soft). GLAISDALE 17¾l 4th of 11 to Barna Boy in novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). KING CREDO 3l 2nd of 4 to Sound Reveille in the grade II Henry VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown (2m, yielding) penultimate start. MAJOR BUSH 4l 2nd of 11 to Medinas Swan Song in novices' handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start with BUCKELIGHT (4lb better off) 56l 8th. DOUALAGO beat Lacurva 4l in 8-runner conditional jockeys' novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, heavy).

Selection: DOUALAGO (nap)

3.10 JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,478: 2m) (13 runners)

501 4/44P-60 SUPER RITCHART 19 (D,G,S) (Gradon Associates) B Palling 7-11-12 .... R Dunwoody 95
502 24/4-R2F PRINCE TINO 29 (D,F) (J L Racing 2) N Gaselee 7-11-6 .... M A Fitzgerald 95
503 2411P/1 LUMUMBA DAYS 29 (D,F,S) (H Taylor) Martyn Meade 9-11-5 .... J Railton 93
504 01-5513 PYRAMIS PRINCE 20 (D,S) (J Kelsey-Fry) Miss H Knight 5-11-5 .... J Osborne 98
505 42110-0 WORDY'S WONDER 33 (D,G,S) (L Wordingham) L Wordingham 7-10-13 .... R Farrant 91
506 24-U22P SOLEIL DANCER 30 (CD,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 7-10-13 .... Peter Hobbs 99
507 U011-FU MYRTILLA 20 (D,F) (R Long) A Turnell 6-10-13 .... L Harvey 93
508 00PP5-0 FRONT PAGE 6 (CD,G,S) (Amdy Finance Ltd) J Akehurst 8-10-8 .... G Bradley 88
509 564450 GONE BY 4 (D,F,G) (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 7-10-7 .... N Williamson 90
510 512P3-0 DERISBAY 50 (B,F,G,S) (Miss J Self) J Bridger 7-10-5 .... D O'Sullivan 86
511 432-6 ARAMON 48 (J Saunders) M Haynes 5-10-0 .... D Skyrme 80
512 3F2000- RUTH'S GAMBLE 249 (D,G) (Mrs A Emanuel) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-0 .... I Lawrence 89
513 01P/P44 CHEVELEY DANCER 30 (D,S) (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-10-0 .... P McLoughlin (5) 76

Long handicap: Ruth's Gamble 9-6, Cheveley Dancer 8-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Lumumba Days, 4-1 Pyramis Prince, 11-2 Prince Tino, 7-1 Super Ritchart, 8-1 Soleil Dancer, 10-1 Myrtilla, Wordy's Wonder, 12-1 Front Page, Gone By, 14-1 Derisbay, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE TINO 2½l 2nd of 9 to Kingsfold Pet in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m, good) penultimate start. LUMUMBA DAYS beat Just Rosie 6l in 19-runner Hereford handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good to soft) with SUPER RITCHART (12lb better off) about 4l 6th and PRINCE TINO in touch when left 5th. PYRAMIS PRINCE beat Top Wave ½l in 8-runner Folkestone handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good to soft) penultimate start. MYRTILLA beat short beat Smart in Sable 1½l in 7-runner Wincanton novice hurdle (2m, firm). DERISBAY 10½l 3rd of 8 to Baylord Prince in Plumpton selling handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good to soft) final start last season.

Selection: PRINCE TINO

3.40 WINDLESHAM NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,967: 3m) (18 runners)

601 2124 CHANGE THE REIGN 32 (G,S) (E Nicolson) Miss A Embiricos 8-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 99
602 46F421 WOODLANDS BOY 9 (B,D,F,S) (S Moore) R Hoad 7-11-9 (7ex) .... A S Smith 89
603 U-042 TOO PLUSH 30 (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 6-11-2 .... L Harvey 88
604 4/F3 WOODHAY HILL 19 (G) (J Seth-Smith) S Sherwood 10-11-2 .... G Upton 87
605 050-060 SYLVIA BEACH 11 (F,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 9-11-2 .... E Murphy –
606 4/466-32 MR INVADER 48 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-11-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 96
607 2F3123 MOBILE MESSENGER 20 (D,S) (A Dean) T George 7-10-12 .... D Bentley (3) 91
608 24/U33 LEWESDON HILL 11 (G,S) (T Frost) P Nicholls 8-10-12 .... C Maude 84
609 FP-PU13 ROMANY CREEK 41 (V,G) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-10-7 .... B Clifford 84
610 F5-2443 GRUNGE 36 (BF,G) (Mrs S Nash) D Murray Smith 7-10-7 .... J Osborne –
611 30-52FF PENLEA LADY 54 (Mrs S Addiscott) Mrs M Jones 8-10-7 .... G Bradley 86
612 2P/0-4P TRADER TYE 60 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-7 .... P Verling –
613 054/2-45 OLD FATHER TIME 34 (Mrs S Richmond-Watson) K Bailey 8-10-6 .... N Williamson 89
614 3600-F2 LACURVA 12 (BF) (D Price) M Wilkinson 7-10-5 .... J F Titley 92
615 0P/2FP8 MURPHY STREET 33 (Mrs A Barclay) Mrs A Barclay 9-10-5 .... M Richards 92
616 506-053 ESSDOUBLEYOU 9 (S Transport Ltd) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-3 .... R Greene 80
617 33/40-F0 TINA'S MISSILE 47 (B) (Four Nights Partnership) R Lee 8-10-0 .... P McLoughlin (5) –
618 4/05P30 ALLO GEORGE 8 (G) (Lavis Medical Systems) A Newcombe 9-10-0 .... A Thornton 85

BETTING: 5-1 Change The Reign, 6-1 Woodlands Boy, 7-1 Too Plush, 8-1 Lacurva, Woodhay Hill, 10-1 Romany Creek, 12-1 Mr Invader, Mobile Messenger, Old Father Time, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS

CHANGE THE REIGN 10l 2nd of 8 to Brownhall in novice chase at Leicester (3m, good) penultimate start. WOODLANDS BOY beat Early Man 11l in 11-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy). MR INVADER 2½l 2nd of 15 to Miss Marigold in novices' handicap chase here (2m 5f, good). MOBILE MESSENGER 11l 3rd of 11 to Mugoni Beach in novices' handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, soft). ROMANY CREEK beat Derrymoss 15l in 8-runner Hereford novice chase (3m 1f 110yd, good) penultimate start with ALLO GEORGE (7lb better off) ¾l 3rd and OLD FATHER TIME (1lb better off) distance 4th. LACURVA 4l 2nd of 8 to Doualago in conditional jockeys' novices' handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, heavy).

Selection: LACURVA

4.10 DATCHET HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,653: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 125P/01- DUNCAN IDAHO 405 (D,G,S) (R Callow) R Callow 12-12-0 .... M A Fitzgerald 84
2 194-04 FOOLS ERRAND 6 (S) (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 5-11-9 .... R Dunwoody 85
3 062/1-00 BELAFONTE 23 (D,F,G,S) (Miss K George) Miss K George 8-11-3 .... G Bradley –
4 00P-021 STRAIGHT LACED 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs E Ludlow) P Clarke 8-11-2 .... I Lawrence 88
5 320-464 ROMALITO 9 (C McKenna) M Blanchard 5-11-1 .... M Perrett 80
6 0152P0- ANLAFFED 273 (C,S) (Mrs S McLean) J Akehurst 5-11-1 .... J Osborne 91
7 002-F14 SILVER STANDARD 23 (D,S) (G Lugg) T Forster 5-11-1 .... B Powell 87
8 40/53-P SCENT OF BATTLE 7 (S) (W Carpenter) M Haynes 7-11-0 .... D Skyrme 80
9 4P603-P BAJAN AFFAIR 4 (C,G) (Leading Star Racing) Miss L Siddall 5-11-0 .... E Husband (5) 80
10 P101-2F FREE DANCER 144 (S) (Mrs Y Hayward) R Brotherton 5-11-0 .... L Harvey 81
11 30530-5 GAMEFULL GOLD 7 (D,G) (G Brown) S Dow 6-10-12 .... A Dicken 80
12 3/1-24 SHARP PERFORMER 7 (BF,G) (Mrs S Ellery) K Bailey 6-10-12 .... N Williamson 85
13 12/03 OXBOW 19 (B,BF,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 8-10-11 .... Mr T McCarthy (7) –
14 456-664 LUCKY BLUE 23 (S) (Mrs S Palmer) N Thomson 8-10-10 .... S Earle 99
15 4/33-435 DENNINGTON 23 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-7 .... P Verling 89
16 5650/4 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 43 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) Mrs L Jewell 9-10-0 .... Honey Pearce (7) 75

Long handicap: Pontevecchio Bella 9-10.

BETTING: 11-2 Silver Standard, 6-1 Fools Errand, 7-1 Sharp Performer, Straight Laced, 8-1 Lucky Blue, 12-1 Duncan Idaho, Free Dancer, Gamefull Gold, 14-1 Anlaffed, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

FOOLS ERRAND 10¾l 4th of 17 to Morstock in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). STRAIGHT LACED beat Time For A Flutter 7l in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) with SILVER STANDARD (8lb better off) 2¾l 4th and DENNINGTON (3lb better off) 25l 5th. SILVER STANDARD beat My Swan Song ¾l in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) penultimate start. SHARP PERFORMER about 3¾l 4th of 13 to Titan Empress in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft) with GAMEFULL GOLD 9l 5th. LUCKY BLUE about 11l 4th of 12 to Do Be Have in Wincanton handicap hurdle (2m 6f, good) with BELAFONTE tailed off 11th.

Selection: FOOLS ERRAND

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ludlow: 1.20 Grey Ancona. 2.20 Dibloom. 3.20 Hangover, Nadiad. 3.50 Parsons Pleasure. 4.20 Clearherm Girl. Windsor: 1.40 Irkutsk. 2.10 Mackabee, Pierre Blanco. 3.40 Tina's Missile. Wolverhampton: 2.30 Nick The Biscuit.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.20 Taos. 1.50 Percy Smollett. 2.20 Princess Tateum. 2.50 Time For A Flutter. 3.20 Turning Trix. *3.50 Buckingham Gate. 4.20 Duke's Mount.*

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 **PERCY SMOLLETT**.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

1.20 MARSHBROOK NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,500: 2m) (18 runners)

1 4/13 PADISHAH 23 (BF,S) W Muir 6-11-11 .... J A McCarthy 94
2 CAST THE LINE 147F C Egerton 5-11-5 .... D Gallagher –
3 0421 DANTES SUN 73 (G) T Forster 6-11-5 .... G McCourt –
4 31 DUGGAN 29 (S) P Evans 6-11-5 .... A P McCoy (3) 87
5 FILS DE CRESSON A Turnell 5-11-5 .... S McNeill –
6 000/ GREY ANCONA 34F (B) E Alston 6-11-5 .... A Procter (3) –
7 SKY RUN 67F M Pipe 5-11-5 .... J Lower –
8 TAOS 460F N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 .... T Jenks (3) –
9 35 TENNESSEE KING 41 A Foster 5-11-5 .... W Marston 95
10 TROUBLE SHOOT 118F Mrs M McCourt 5-11-5 .... R Supple –
11 DEER MARNY 835F D Davies 6-11-0 .... Mr J Jukes (7) –
12 00- ZANDALEE 280 G Yardley 6-11-0 .... R Davis –
13 1 STOMPIN 47 (G) Miss H Knight 4-10-13 .... D Meredith (3) 99
14 BODANTREE 99F H Oliver 4-10-7 .... V Slattery –
15 DANZIG ISLAND 114F W Jenks 4-10-7 .... T Wall –
16 JEAN DE FLORETTE 14F R Emery 4-10-7 .... J R Kavanagh –
17 53 LOMBARDIC 47 D Nicholson 4-10-7 .... A Maguire 90
18 MON ROUGE 23F B Baugh 4-10-7 .... Gary Lyons –

3-1 Taos, 9-2 Cast The Line, 6-1 Lombardic, 7-1 Dantes Sun, Sky Run, 8-1 others.

1.50 RICHARDS CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,599: 3m) (9)

1 330P ANOTHER CORAL 22 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 12-12-0 .... Mr R Johnson (7) 82
2 -56U TOCHENKA 62 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 11-11-7 .... T Jenks (3) 83
3 421P EASTSHAW 44 (CD,F,G,S) T Forster 13-11-4 .... G McCourt 90
4 1P-4 OK CORRAL 11 (B,D,F,G,S) C Mann 8-10-10 .... S McNeill 83
5 -311 PERCY SMOLLETT 12 (C,F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-10-3 .... A Maguire 99
6 15-0 SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 11 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 .... W Marston 80
7 6/1- PANICSUN 518 (F,G) K Bridgwater 10-10-0 .... R Supple 75
8 552P TRIBAL RULER 23 (D,F,G,S) D McCain 10-10-0 .... D Gallagher 79
9 5/PP LUCKY VILLAIN 56 (D,S) D Burchell 10-10-0 .... D J Burchell –

4-6 Percy Smollett, 4-1 Eastshaw, 6-1 Spirit Of Kibris, 7-1 others.

2.20 DENEHURST HOTEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,290: 2m) (20)

1 0F-1 STAR MARKET 16 (D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 .... Mr S Joynes (7) 96
2 5-05 J BRAND 36 (D,G,S) R Hodges 8-11-10 .... A Maguire 96
3 -PF5 DIBLOOM 9 (B,D,S) R Simpson 7-11-7 .... Miss P Jones –
4 0/00 BEAUMOOD 18 (B,G) E Alston 9-11-7 .... A Procter (3) –
5 65-5 EDWARD SEYMOUR 28 (CD,S) W Jenks 8-11-4 .... T Jenks (3) 88
6 F0-5 PRINCESS TATEUM 48F (D,G) Mrs M McCourt 5-11-3 .... G McCourt 89
7 4026 ALOSAILI 20 (CD,F,G) B Stevens 8-11-2 .... M Stevens 89
8 5035 BALAAT 28 (B,BF,F) M Chapman 7-10-11 .... W Worthington 99
9 P-6F BY FAR 8 (D,F) Mrs F Owen 9-10-11 .... J R Kavanagh 83
10 6-30 AL SKEET 16 (D,F) R Price 9-10-10 .... J A McCarthy 97
11 P30P DONTDRESSFORDINNER 37 D R Tucker 5-10-10 .... S McNeill 92
12 414- BOOGIE BOPPER 235 (V,D,S) M Pipe 6-10-9 .... D Burrows (7) 98
13 0600 TAKE A FLYER 20 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-10-9 .... D Meredith (3) 85
14 -304 BARDAISH 29 M Barraclough 8-10-9 .... R Massey (5) 86
15 4-00 TYNRON DOON 8 (B,D,S) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-8 .... S Wynne (3) 96
16 -U20 FORTINA'S SONG 40 (B) S Griffiths 6-10-8 .... Mr J Jukes (7) 90
17 0-00 CHAGHATAI 28 (B,D,G) W Clay 9-10-3 .... Mr P Leavy 88
18 P64 FIRST BEE 54 F Jordan 4-10-0 .... J Lodder 72
19 0000 BOXBOY 28 G Yardley 5-10-0 .... Mr A Phillips 84
20 0033 CASSIO'S BOY 12 (V) R Eckley 4-10-0 .... A P McCoy (3) 72

5-2 Star Market, 5-1 Boogie Bopper, 7-1 First Bee, 9-1 Alosaili, 10-1 Beaumood, Princess Tateum, Bardaish, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Henderson, 8 winners from 28 runners, 28.6%; D Nicholson, 21 from 76, 27.6%; J Edwards, 14 from 63, 22.2%; P Hobbs, 10 from 45, 22.2%; S Sherwood, 7 from 32, 21.9%.

JOCKEYS: R Massey, 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%; Miss P Jones, 3 from 9, 33.3%; D Burchell, 6 from 21, 28.6%; J R Kavanagh, 6 from 34, 17.6%; S McNeill, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

2.50 LONGMYND AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,500: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 2245 SECRET FOUR 25 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-12-6 .... M Rimell (7) 94
2 460P TARN DYSKY 12 (S) R Frost 10-11-10 .... D Duggan (7) 95
3 5-P6 BEYOND OUR REACH 23 R Hodges 7-11-3 .... Miss P Curling (5) 97
4 1050 SIR PAGEANT 67 (D,BF,G,S) K Bishop 6-11-1 .... D Parker (5) 92
5 2124 ANNA VALLEY 76 (D,BF,F,G,S) G Balding 9-11-0 .... J Thatcher (7) 93
6 3202 TIME FOR A FLUTTER 22 (G) C James 6-11-0 .... E James (7) 99
7 5-00 GALAXY HIGH 47 (G,S) P Leach 8-10-13 .... Miss L Horsey (7) 95
8 -062 MAMALAMA 8 (F) E Llewellyn 7-10-0 .... Miss E J Jones (7) 96
9 12UF ALDINGTON CHAPPLE 5F (F,G) B Preece 7-10-0 .... Miss L Boswell (7) 82
10 00-5 SAMS QUEEN 16 J Upson 6-10-0 .... R Johnson (7) 84
11 P005 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 9 N Walker 5-10-0 .... P Cooper (7) 80
12 P0-0 RAISABILLION 8 (B,F,G,S) E Alston 13-10-0 .... P Blane (7) –

5-1 Time For A Flutter, 4-1 Anna Valley, 9-2 Secret Four, 5-1 Mamalama, 8-1 Tarnovsky, 10-1 Sir Pageant, 12-1 Beyond Our Reach, 16-1 others

3.20 TELFORD NOVICES CHASE (£2,957: 2m 4f) (16)

1 14P- BELL GLASS 289P (S) D Davies 9-11-5 .... Mr J Jukes (7) –
2 0232 CHANNEL PASTIME 20 (G) D Burchell 11-11-5 .... Guy Lewis (5) 81
3 543P CLEAKILE 19 E Alston 9-11-5 .... A Procter (3) 72
4 6-3F FOUR HEARTS 28 T Forster 6-11-5 .... T Jenks (3) 76
5 -FFP HAL'S PRINCE 19 J Needham 8-11-5 .... Richard Guest –
6 -024 HANGOVER 18 (V,G,S) R Lee 9-11-5 .... A Maguire 88
7 0F0P HOSTETLER 19 (S) K Bridgwater 6-11-5 .... J Lodder 59
8 0-0P I'LL CHANCE IT 69 N Henderson 6-11-5 .... J R Kavanagh –
9 2 LARRY'S LORD 46 P Nicholls 6-11-5 .... A Dobbin 95
10 5032 MASTER'S CROWN 18 (B,F,G,S) M Chapman 7-11-5 .... W Worthington 74
11 -64P NADIAD 32 (V,F,G) D McCain 9-11-5 .... D McCain (5) 65
12 U0-1 RECTORY GARDEN 54 (S) T Forster 6-11-5 .... G McCourt –
13 406U STERLING BUCK 47 G Yardley 8-11-5 .... R Davis –
14 2-2F TURNING TRIX 63 (G) S Sherwood 8-11-5 .... D Gallagher 99
15 2-00 BAY LEADER 37 Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0 .... W Marston –
16 P60- CLOWN AROUND 249 J Hutsby 7-11-0 .... D Walsh (5) –

4-1 Turning Trix, 9-2 Larry's Lord, 6-1 Rectory Garden, 7-1 Four Hearts, 10-1 Channel Pastime, Hangover, 12-1 others

3.50 WELSHPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,416: 3m 1f 110yd) (18)

1 212/ FORGET THE REST 1387 (G,S) J Smith 10-11-11 .... A Maguire –
2 -005 BUCKINGHAM GATE 18 (G,S) D Gandolfo 9-11-10 .... Miss S Mitchell (7) 97
3 3400 VISCOUNT TULLY 11 (C,S) C Jackson 10-11-9 .... W Humphreys 99
4 0-32 BEE DEE BOY 23 (G) P Clarke 7-11-8 .... J J Brown (7) 93
5 -034 FOX CHAPEL 65 (BF,G,S) K Jukes 6-11-7 .... G McCourt 97
6 3633 SHASTON 20 (B,F,G,S) W G M Turner 10-11-3 .... T Murphy (7) –
7 2006 MOUNTSHANNON 23 (C,F,G) C Trietline 9-11-1 .... Richard Guest 94
8 4P-P LING 23 (G,S) J Needham 10-11-0 .... G Hogan (5) 90
9 34-5 RELTIC 19 (G) E Broad 6-10-12 .... P Maddock (7) 85
10 0066 HEATHYARDS BOY 19 (G,S) R Hollinshead 5-10-11 .... S Wynne (3) –
11 UF-5 PARSONS PLEASURE 106 (V,S) Mrs J Pitman 12-10-8 .... W Marston –
12 4P00 FAR TOO LOUD 51 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 5-10-6 .... Guy Lewis (5) 92
13 2003 BARRYBEN 18 W Brisbourne 6-10-6 .... R Massey (5) 88
14 5-60 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 16 (G,S) W Clay 6-10-4 .... F Leahy (5) –
15 -630 DOCTOR DUNKLIN 43 (F) Mrs V Ward 5-10-3 .... DOUBTFUL –
16 0P0P FIRST CRACK 22 (F,G,S) F Jordan 10-10-2 .... J Lodder –
17 F04P CATS RUN 6 J Upson 7-10-1 .... R Supple 80
18 6P-3 LAW FACULTY 20 G Ham 6-10-0 .... A P McCoy (3) 88

5-1 Fox Chapel, 6-1 Pollerton's Pride, Bee Dee Boy, 7-1 Barryben, Buckingham Gate, 9-1 Law Faculty, Parsons Pleasure, 10-1 Shaston, 12-1 others.

4.20 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,772: 2m) (18)

1 11 DUKE'S MOUNT 44 (CD,F,S) D Nicholson 5-12-3 .... R Massey (5) –
2 F1- AMAZING MAN 281F (S) Mrs M McCourt 6-11-7 .... J A McCarthy –
3 CELTIC REG Mrs H Parrott 5-11-7 .... D Leahy (3) –
4 FELDSPAR J Edwards 6-11-7 .... Mr M Daly (7) –
5 4 HIGH LEARIE 54 (BF) O Sherwood 5-11-7 .... Mr A Harvey (7) –
6 NOTHINGTODOWITHME T Forster 5-11-7 .... Mr Richard White (7) –
7 BROUGHTON LADY T Forster 5-11-2 .... D Meredith (3) –
8 ROYAL AG NAG P Hobbs 5-11-2 .... G Tormey (5) –
9 ALL CLEAR M Pipe 4-10-9 .... T Dascombe (7) –
10 CWM BYE Mrs A Price 4-10-9 .... Mr R Johnson (7) –
11 EBULLIENT EQUINAME D Edds 4-10-9 .... A P McCoy (3) –
12 MELLING R Hodges 4-10-9 .... T Jenks (3) –
13 CLEARTHERM GIRL (B) R Emery 4-10-4 .... D Winter (7) –
14 FEARLESS AMY K Bridgwater 4-10-4 .... F Leahy (5) –
15 FINAL CHUKKA C James 4-10-4 .... Mr E James –
16 HARMONY DAWN D Burchell 4-10-4 .... A Procter (3) –
17 MAID EQUAL M Pipe 4-10-4 .... D Burrows (7) –
18 RUBADUB J Bradley 4-10-4 .... Guy Lewis (5) –

7-4 Duke's Mount, 5-1 All Clear, Amazing Man, 6-1 High Learie, 8-1 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Lady Valensina. 2.30 Crown Prosecutor. 3.00 Poly Laureon. 3.30 Cedez Le Passage. 4.00 Samson-Agonistes. 4.30 Taroudant.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Ship Of The Line. 3.00 Opera Fan.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 COPTHORNE HOTELS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,657: 1m 100yd) (11 runners)

1 00-4 NIGELSCHINAPALACE 7 Miss S Wilton 5-9-0 .... A Mackay 1
2 030- SHIP OF THE LINE 48J J Fanshawe 5-9-0 .... N Varley (5) 7
3 0-0 FLEET CADET 16 N Graham 4-8-13 .... G Duffield 8
4 200- SHARP CONQUEST 114 W Muir 4-8-13 .... J Weaver 11
5 025- TANAH MERAH 238 E Alston 4-8-13 .... D Wright (3) 10
6 03-2 MISS CHARLIE 7 A Bailey 5-8-9 .... E Barewell 5
7 SEVERN GALE 23J K White 5-8-9 .... J Williams 2
8 HONEST ACHIEVER 63J A James 4-8-8 .... S Sanders (5) 4
9 456- LADY VALENSINA 81 B Llewellyn 4-8-8 .... R Cochrane 9
10 430- SERAPHIC 91 B Cambidge 4-8-8 .... N Adams 3
11 5-30 SLIP A COIN 5 R Hollinshead 4-8-8 .... L Dettori 6

7-2 Sharp Conquest, 4-1 Ship Of The Line, 9-2 Tanah Merah, 5-1 Lady Valensina, 6-1 Miss Charlie, 8-1 Slip A Coin, 10-1 Fleet Cadet, 14-1 others

2.30 COPTHORNE MERRY HILL DUDLEY CLAIMING STAKES (£3,010: 1m 4f) (8)

1 2 CROWN PROSECUTOR 9 (BF) W Muir 5-9-10 .... J Weaver 3
2 06-2 SALBUS 14 (G) F Yardley 5-9-2 .... J Williams 2
3 00-0 NICK THE BISCUIT 7 (V) M Usher 4-8-12 .... M Wigham 6
4 4-13 ROUSITTO 5 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 7-8-10 .... L Dettori 5
5 000- CULRAIN 78 M Meagher 4-8-8 .... V Halliday (5) 1
6 44-0 ANWESTRUCK 12 (F,G,S) B Preece 5-8-6 .... S Sanders (5) 8
7 CHAPEL HILL 8J R Hollinshead 7-8-5 .... R Cochrane 7
8 450- GINKA 32J P Bevan 4-8-5 .... N Carlisle 4

7-4 Crown Prosecutor, 5-2 Salbus, 5-1 Nick The Biscuit, Rousitto, 8-1 others

3.00 COPTHORNE BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,202: 7f) (9)

1 42-2 TEE TEE TOO 12 (C,BF,G) P Haslam 9-7 .... J Weaver 8
2 10-3 ROBO MAGIC 8 (G) A Moore 9-2 .... R Cochrane 4
3 054- OPERA FAN 112 M Prescott 8-11 .... G Duffield 1
4 100- GIGFY 100 (G) B Llewellyn 8-10 .... S Drowne (5) 6
5 04-2 POLY LAUREON 11 (C,BF,F,G) R Hollinshead 8-10 .... L Dettori 5
6 03-2 ONE FOR JEANNIE 11 (BF) A Bailey 8-4 .... G Carter 3
7 63-0 WENDY'S WAY 9 (G) J Berry 8-0 .... L Charnock 7
8 000- OUR TOM 57 J Wharton 7-13 .... J Quinn 2
9 050- HAPPY BRAVE 90 P Cundell 7-13 .... A Mackay 9

5-2 Tee Tee Too, 7-2 Opera Fan, One For Jeannie, 9-2 Poly Laureon, 6-1 Robo Magic, 12-1 Gigfy, Wendy's Way, 25-1 Happy Brave, Our Tom.

3.30 COPTHORNE MANCHESTER HANDICAP
(£5,524: 1m 4f) (8)

1 554- CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 51 (G) C Brittain 4-10-0 .... B Doyle 6
2 40-0 ONE OFF THE RAIL 7 (D,G) A Moore 5-9-9 .... Candy Morris 2
3 26-0 HILLZAH 9 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 7-9-9 .... H Bastiman (5) 8
4 30-0 VIEW FROM ABOVE 15 (D,F,G) N Walker 9-9-0 .... R Cochrane 4
5 500- JOHNS ACT 28J (S) D Haydn Jones 5-8-11 .... A Mackay 7
6 0-06 TAPIS ROUGE 7 (G,S) T Caldwell 6-8-4 .... J Weaver 5
7 300- PHILGUN 53 (V,D,F,G,S) C W C Elsey 6-8-2 .... N Kennedy 3
8 60/2 KILLICK 5 (D,F,G) A Bailey 7-7-7 .... M Baird (7) 1

2-1 Cedez Le Passage, 5-1 Johns Act, 6-1 Hillzah, Philgun, 8-1 Killick, View From Above, 10-1 Tapis Rouge, 12-1 One Off The Rail

4.00 COPTHORNE WINDSOR SELLING STAKES
(£2,802: 5f) (12)

1 U6-1 LIFT BOY 7 (C,F,G) A Moore 6-9-12 .... Candy Morris 6
2 60-0 FARNDALE 6 (CD,G) J Berry 8-9-7 .... C Lowther (7) 1
3 000- MUZZ 34 (D,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-7 .... T Williams 9
4 4-63 SAMSON-AGONISTES 6 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 9-9-7 .... R Cochrane 3
5 360- SUPER ROCKY 34 (D,F) R Bastiman 6-9-7 .... H Bastiman (5) 5
6 0/00 BESSIE'S WILL 2 D Haydn Jones 4-9-2 .... A Mackay 2
7 000- DISTINCTIVE LADY 114 R Peacock 5-9-2 .... G Duffield 7
8 60-2 FARASTRADA 14 B Preece 4-9-2 .... S Sanders (5) 10
9 /60- ORIENTAL SONG 29J K Burgess 6-9-2 .... T Wall 8
10 02-5 PRIMULA BAIRN 14 (V,D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-2 .... J Weaver 11
11 060- PRECIOUS TIMES 53 M Meagher 5-8-6 .... V Halliday (5) 12
12 000- IVY LILIAN 23 W Brisbourne 3-8-1 .... A Garth (5) 4

11-4 Samson Agonistes, 3-1 Primula Bairn, 5-1 Muzz, 6-1 Lift Boy, 6-1 Farastrada, Farndale, 10-1 Super Rocky, 12-1 others

4.30 DUDLEY HANDICAP (£3,640: 2m 46yd) (10)

1 65-0 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (C,G,S) A Bailey 6-10-0 .... A Mackay 5
2 412- IBSEN 93 (D,F,G,S) R Akehurst 7-9-10 .... G Carter 1
3 601- TAROUDANT 67 (C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-5 .... R Cochrane 4
4 00-4 SECRET SERENADE 7 (F) C Fairhurst 4-9-0 .... L Dettori 2
5 06-5 ARCTIC GUEST 16 (D,F,G) C Smith 6-8-2 .... K Rutter (3) 3
6 65-1 WELL AND TRULY 11 (CD,G) B McMahon 8-8-9 .... S Sanders (5) 7
7 3/0- FLASS VALE 30J C Fairhurst 7-8-1 .... D Wright (3) 9
8 610/ REGGAE BEAT 23J (F,G) I Campbell 10-8-1 .... Stephen Davies 8
9 3-43 SASSIVER 5 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-1 .... A Garth (5) 10
10 06-3 CHILD STAR 7 (C,D,G,S) D Marks 6-7-7 .... M Baird (7) 6

3-1 Taroudant, 7-2 Ibsen, 4-1 Well And Truly, 5-1 Child Star, 6-1 Secret Serenade, 10-1 Mentalasanythin, Sassiver, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 18 winners from 57 runners, 31.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 9 from 29, 31.0%; M Prescott, 9 from 31, 29.0%; C Smith, 3 from 12, 25.0%; R Bastiman, 3 from 12, 25.0%; P Haslam, 14 from 64, 21.9%.

JOCKEYS: H Bastiman, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; J Weaver, 34 from 130, 26.2%; G Duffield, 8 from 33, 24.2%; L Dettori, 20 from 101, 19.8%; R Cochrane, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M Baird, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

Sherwood declines outing in Ireland

BRITAIN will be without a representative in the AIG Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday after the defection yesterday of the Oliver Sherwood-trained Large Action.

The seven-year-old, the impressive winner of the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham last time, had been made the 7-4 favourite for the race by Irish bookmakers Liam Cashman, but will miss the race because of the forecast heavy ground.

Sherwood said yesterday: "Large Action will not run in Ireland. I have spoken to Arthur Moore and Tony Corcoran, the clerk of the course at Leopardstown, and they say the ground is heavy.

"I worked with Arthur for three years in Ireland and I know the heavy ground won't go away in four days. But the horse is in cracking form and we still have plenty of options. We'll enter him for the Bishops Cleeve at Cheltenham and he'll run there unless the ground is heavy. If it is, there is always the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown the following week."

☐ By yesterday's 9.30am deadline, a total of ten new entries had been made for three reopened races at Haydock. Seven were added to the Premier Long Distance Hurdle, which originally had only three runners.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: **RECTORY GARDEN**
(3.20 Ludlow)
Next best: **Percy Smollett**
(1.50 Ludlow)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.30 (1m 5f) 1, **Elementary** (R Cochrane, 7-2); 2, Clouneel Tiews (7-1); 3, In The Money (5-1). Carlowitz 3-1 fav. 6 ran. NR: Aerial View. 7l, 3½l. N Walker. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £5.70. DF: £42.80. CSF: £23.39.

2.00 (7f) 1, **Fahema** (G Duffield, 13-2); 2, Iron Man (5-1); 3, Fairy's Son (20-1). Water Babe 1-2 fav (pu). 10 ran. 4l, 2l. P Boss. Tote: £5.60; £1.30, £2.00, £2.20. DF: £11.10. CSF: £40.62.

2.30 (1m) 1, **No Pattern** (L Suthern, 16-1); 2, Battleship Bruce (11-8); 3, Water Hazard (6-1). Sarasi 5-4 fav. 5 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. G L Moore. Tote: £21.90; £3.20, £1.10. DF: £15.40. CSF: £36.47.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, **Kaafih Homm** (R Cochrane, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, My Minnie (11-1); 3, Braveboy (10-1). Eqtesaad 2-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Father Dan. 1½l, ¾l. N Callaghan. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £3.50, £4.80. DF: £17.70. Trio: £47.00. CSF: £26.12. Tricast: £193.50.

3.30 (6f) 1, **Hoist** (G Duffield, 1-2 fav); 2, Jersey Belle (25-1); 3, Joint Effort (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Keeper's Grey. 5l, 1l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £6.10. DF: £16.60. CSF: £12.17.

4.00 (5f) 1, **Nineacres** (A Eddery, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Distant Dynasty (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Cheeky Chappy (20-1). Pat Poindestres 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Amazing News. 1l, ½l. D Nicholls. Tote: £6.30; £1.20, £1.10, £7.10. DF: £12.00. Trio: £171.40. CSF: £16.73. Tricast: £197.52.

Placepot: £354.90. Quadpot: £27.40.

Yesterday's meeting at Chepstow was called off because of waterlogging

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Ramprakash passes test of temperament

By Our Sports Staff

MARK RAMPRAKASH completed a distinguished match by steering England A to victory by four wickets in the first five-day international cricket match against India A in Bangalore yesterday. On a tense final day, the Middlesex batsman added an unbeaten 36 to his 99 in the first innings on a pitch giving increasing help to the bowlers.

England A, needing a modest 116 to win, reached their target eight balls after tea. The groundwork for victory had earlier been laid by Glen Chapple, 22, the Lancashire seam bowler, who took two of the last three wickets to fall in the morning and finished with five for 32.

But for Ramprakash, however, his work *might* have been wasted. At 89 for six, having lost three wickets for the addition of only six runs, England A were in a precarious position and under threat from the Indian spinners on the wearing surface. The dismissal of Dominic Cork, who was stumped third ball as he charged down the pitch to Chatterjee, the slow left-armer, was symptomatic of the frayed nerves in the England camp.

Ramprakash, for whom the tour is a chance to rebuild his international career after several false starts at Test level, found a willing ally in Paul Nixon and played the slow bowlers with a sure touch, ensuring that the target was reached without further alarm. It was a performance *that earned high praise from* Phil Neale, the team manager.

"I though Ramprakash's batting was simply outstanding," Neale said. "In both innings, he was chanceless; today, his performance in the *midst* of a lot of tension showed just what a good temperament he's got. He was very relaxed and his judgment of length against the spinners was so spot-on that he was able to play them predominantly with the bat and not rely on his front pad."

England A began the day *keen to see the* back of Amol Muzumdar, who has been hailed in India as a batsman of the highest class. Chapple, who *had* been responsible, along with Cork, for reducing India A to 83 for seven the previous evening, duly obliged, bringing one back in the fourth over to have Muzumdar, 20, leg-before for 51.

Chapple added Mhambrey to his list of victims and the India A innings came to an end when Chauhan moved out of his crease and was adjudged run out after Nixon broke the wicket after gathering a leg-side delivery from Richard Stemp.

England A made a jittery *start to their pursuit* before lunch, losing Michael Vaughan to the new ball, but the solid progress of Nick Knight and Jason Gallian gave no hint of the trouble they would later encounter. Nor did there seem any reason to panic when the pair were out in quick succession, for Ramprakash and Alan Wells looked in control.

The captain's edge to slip signalled the start of his side's anxieties, but he was understandably keen to accentuate the positive after a victory that is the perfect start to the three-match series.

"The pitch was wearing hourly and it was not easy," he said. "These players have fought and played disciplined cricket throughout and they deserved their victory. I'm *proud of them*."

BANGALORE SCOREBOARD

INDIA A: First innings 300 (V Rathore 90, R Dravid 60; R D Stemp 6 for 83)

Second innings

J Singh c Ramprakash b Chapple	5
V Rathore c Nixon b Chapple	10
A Muzumdar lbw b Chapple	51
*P Amre c Cork b Chapple	12
R Dravid b Cork	1
S Bahutule c Salisbury b Cork	1
†V Yadav c Salisbury b Weekes	5
U Chatterjee c Ramprakash b Stemp	0
R Chauhan run out	11
P Mhambrey c and b Chapple	6
A Kuruvilla not out	1
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-21, 3-43, 4-44, 5-46, 6-77, 7-80, 8-86, 9-102.

BOWLING: Cork 11-3-31-2; Chapple 17-3-32-5; Stemp 16-6-22-1; Salisbury 5-2-16-0; Weekes 3-1-2-1.

ENGLAND A: First innings 289 (M R Ramprakash 99, J E R Gallian 58, N V Knight 50; S Bahutule 4 for 96).

Second innings

N V Knight c Yadav b Chauhan	20
M P Vaughan c Dravid b Mhambrey	2
J E R Gallian lbw b Chauhan	25
M R Ramprakash not out	36
*A P Wells c Dravid b Chatterjee	15
P N Weekes c Bahutule b Chauhan	0
D G Cork st Yadav b Chatterjee	0
†P A Nixon not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 4)	10
Total (6 wkts)	117

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-43, 3-50, 4-83, 5-88, 6-89.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 6-1-14-1; Kuruvilla 2-0-3-0; Chauhan 18.2-7-43-3; Chatterjee 13-3-25-2; Bahutule 6-1-26-0.

Umpires: V K Rameswamy and Jasbir Singh.

Australia's senior side capture World Series Cup with defeat of reserves

Domestic conflict ended by Waugh

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
in Melbourne

THE *all-Australian one-day* finals, masquerading as a World Series Cup, concluded in straight sets here last night, looking ever more *like* an *audition for* Test and *tour* places and ever less like an international event.

This second final was a topsy-turvy affair. The A team *threatened to amass* 300 as they took 111 off their first 17 overs. Then, they played like the reserves they are, losing nine wickets for 115. Australia *had their stumble after Slater* and Taylor had made 107 for the first wicket. The top three were then lost for nine runs, but the senior side regrouped. *Class won through* and, predictably, it was the cool, unflinching Steve Waugh who resolved the issue with an over in hand.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA A

G S Blewett c Taylor b McGrath	64
M L Hayden c Slater b Fleming	4
*D R Martyn lbw b Warne	58
M G Bevan c Healy b McGrath	19
J L Langer c Healy b McGrath	14
R T Ponting c M E Waugh b Fleming	13
†P A Emery b Boon	10
G R Robertson b Fleming	4
J Angel not out	15
G J Rowell c Slater b McDermott	8
S P George b Fleming	2
Extras (lb 10, w 4, nb 1)	15
Total (49.4 overs)	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-111, 3-144, 4-158, 5-174, 6-191, 7-193, 8-197, 9-218.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-38-1; Fleming 9.4-1-28-4; McGrath 10-0-41-3; Warne 10-0-55-1; Law 3-0-21-0; M E Waugh 3-0-20-0; Boon 5-0-13-1.

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor c Langer b Blewett	50
M J Slater run out	56
M E Waugh lbw b Blewett	3
D C Boon c Martyn b Angel	27
S R Waugh not out	56
S G Law not out	27
Extras (lb 8, w 1, nb 1)	10
Total (4 wkts, 48 overs)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-111, 3-116, 4-172

†I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, D W Fleming and G D McGrath did not bat.

BOWLING: Angel 10-0-55-1; Rowell 10-1-40-0; George 8-0-34-0; Blewett 10-1-44-2; Robertson 10-0-40-0; Martyn 1-0-8-0.

Umpires: S Randell and D Hair

GRAHAM MORRIS

Steve Waugh drives Angel, the Australia A fast bowler, through the off side during his match-winning innings in Melbourne yesterday

That the game attracted a relatively modest 53,765 to the Melbourne Cricket Ground was variously ascribed to a wet morning and the counter-attraction of the Australian Open tennis championships. Rather more, however, may have been deterred by the incestuous nature of the contest, an issue that continues to arouse strong feelings.

The match programme yesterday, endorsed by the Australian Cricket Board, contained a sanctimonious opinion column. "For 20 years," it claimed, "Australian cricket has financially sustained world cricket and happily done so. Why shouldn't Australian cricket sustain itself across the board, as a by-product?"

Leaving aside the staggering effrontery of the first statement, this at least begins to cast the topic in its correct light. "There can't be anything wrong with a concept that increases Australia's Test and international limited-over depth," the column continued. Precisely the point. Including two Australian teams was *never going to be of benefit to* anyone but Australia.

They have important decisions to take soon, initially regarding their team for the *fourth Test, in Adelaide, and* then the vacant places on the flight to the Caribbean in March. The chance to assess all the contenders in pressure *situations* was a godsend.

Some have responded markedly better than others, and from limited opportunities. Indeed, the wild card for Adelaide next week could be a man who has played only twice in the World Series Cup and, surprisingly, was left out of the A team yesterday.

Peter McIntyre, however, had already made his impression. If Tim May remains unfit and their team is chosen *strictly to win the game*, there is now the possibility that Australia will give him his Test debut as a second wrist spinner on a pitch expected to turn. It cannot harm his cause that two of the Australia selectors bowled leg *spin*.

Prompted to leave Victoria by the rise of Shane Warne, McIntyre has had a fine season for South Australia *and the England batsmen*, who faced him in four-day and one-day games, have played him poorly. It would be a bold move by Australia, but potentially an embarrassing one for England, whose rehabilitation schedule was held up yesterday when their first practice *session* for *five* days was washed out.

Instead, the players divided into groups for training. One quartet, including the captain, could be seen *running* around the city's Botanical Gardens at lunch-time, while the cricket crowds streamed past them. Had Atherton joined the throng, he may not have enjoyed what he saw, but he would have been jealous of some of it.

The early strokeplay *was* breathtaking. Greg Blewett, who has emerged as a strong tour candidate in the past week, made his *runs* quickly, but Damien Martyn dwarfed him, scoring 58 from 40 balls. Warne, who had suffered with the rest, then gave him an outrageously matey grin and an unfriendly leg break that Steve Randell, the umpire, somehow concluded had not *pitched outside leg stump*.

This was not the only bad leg-before decision of the day — Mark Waugh was later the recipient of something similar *from Darrell Hair — but it* did change the game. Fleming and McGrath were able to seize control as the reserves wilted.

The features of the Australia innings were the running between the wickets of Slater and Taylor and the wondrous fielding of Hayden, Bevan and *Ponting. It made for a decent* spectacle. Australia's one-day expertise was plain to see and this was their fifth World Series Cup in the past six *years. They won seven of their* eight games and England can take only limited consolation from being the one team to beat them, for Australia, that day, were lacking two vital components — McDermott and incentive.

Stewart ready to risk comeback

ALEC STEWART is ready to make his second comeback from injury during England's tour to Australia. Stewart, the vice-captain, broke his right index finger early *in the tour and has not played since* breaking it again during the Test match in Melbourne at Christmas. He returns today in a social match that will also give Mike Gatting and Jack Russell a run-out.

All *three appear* in David Gower's England XI to play a collection of past and present Australian stars in Sunbury, Victoria. "My finger is not quite 100 per cent, but it's good enough," Stewart said. Should he suffer no ill effects, the opener will play in *the four-day match against* Victoria, which is due to start on Friday.

Geoff Howarth, the New Zealand coach and former Surrey batsman, resigned yesterday after defeats against Australia, England and South Africa. In five days' time, New Zealand face West Indies.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page ***48***

AMBARI

(b) The fibre of an Indian plant, *Hibiscus cannabinus*, used for *making ropes and coarse cloth, brown Indian hemp*, (also ambari hemp), the plant itself.

"Hibiscus cannabinus, Ambaree. The bark is full of strong fibres which *the inhabitants of the Malabar coast prepare* and make into cordage."

BONEEN

(c) A young pig, an adaptation of the Irish *bainbhin* sucking-pig, from *banbh* pig + *-in diminutive suffix*.

Ezra Pound, *Pisan Cantos*, 1949: "A sow with nine boneen." "The relative number of cows, turkeys, feather-beds, boneens, black pots and the like."

DELE

(a) A proof-reader's instruction to delete something, or a substantive as an instance of the use of the sign so called, which looks like the figure 8 with the northeast quarter eroded, and represents Delta, the Greek letter d.

Vladimir Nabokov, *The Gift*, 1963: "To take but the word I, *ya* (formed in Russian script somewhat like a proof-reader's script. .)"

GHOLAM

(c) A courier or messenger, a transliteration of the Arabic, also rendered *gholaum* and *ghulam*.

"The military household of the king of Persia is composed of a certain number of cavalry, who are called goulams, or slaves."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . f3!; 2. gxf3 Nc2; 3. Rxe2 Rd4 is a surprising checkmate.

Dragons make point against giants

By Colin McQuillan

OGMORE Valley Dragons were late recruits to the Super Squash League. So, by the time that they decided to maintain Welsh interest in the strongest team competition in the squash world, most of the leading players were already signed elsewhere.

However, they travelled to *London earlier this* week with a few supporters from the Ogmore Vale Leisure Centre, took a surprising point from the *mighty Cannons* Club, and slipped in to the fourth place on the league table that, if maintained through the rest *of the season, would carry* them in to the play-offs.

Cannons, who are unbeaten, still head the table, three points clear of *ICL Lion Herts and eight ahead of* Welsh Back Wizards, but this was the first home-point relinquished by the London side.

It was claimed by David Evans, the young Welsh No 3, who defeated Stuart Cowie 9-6, 9-7, 9-1 in just 33 minutes at third strike. "Cowie was a bit surprised by David's *improvement since he joined us*," Gerwyn Davies, the Dragons' team manager, said afterwards. "They used to meet *often at under-19* level and Cowie always won easily. This time, he just was not allowed to impose his favourite short game."

Because Cowie has recently switched from English to Scots registration in the hope of securing a Scotland third-string role, the two could renew acquaintance on a regular basis at international level.

Peter Nicol, the Scottish champion now ranked fifth in the world, clinched the match for Cannons *by defeating* Mark Cairns 9-1, 9-5, 10-8 in 62 minutes at first string; but even he needed the sympathy of Dean Clayton, the referee, to avoid losing the third game on what looked a certain penalty stroke on the first of four game points, held at 8-6 by Cairns, the world No 16 from Oxford.

With *Simon* Parke, the new world No 7, forced through four demanding games by Craig Van der Wath before taking the *second-string rubber* 9-2, 7-9, 9-1, 9-7 in 56 minutes for Cannons, the late recruits from Ogmore Vale *might consider themselves* unfortunate not to have even more to show for their trip to London.

"We are in it for the *fun*," Davies said after the match. "But we don't mind winning for Wales. And we certainly won't mind taking Welsh squash in to the national play-offs."

SUPER LEAGUE DETAILS

RESULTS: Cannons Club 2 Ogmore Valley Dragons 1 (P Nicol bt M Cairns 9-1, 9-5, 10-8; S Parke bt C Van der Wath 9-2, 7-9, 9-1, 9-7; S Cowie lost to D Evans 6-9, 7-9, 1-9); Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 0 ICL Lion Herts 3 (S Meads lost to C Walker 9-4, 7-9, 2-9, 10-9, 6-9; A Kirkland lost to M Chaloner 9-6, 2-9, 7-9, 10-9, 9-10; T Garner lost to J Wellings 9-4, 7-9, 0-9, 0-9); Jim Hall Sports Northern 2 Rackets Club 1 (A Hill lost to P Johnson 9-5, 0-9, 4-9, 1-9, A Gough bt D Webb 10-9, 9-0, 9-6; P Lord bt N Cass, 9-7 9-10, 9-10, 9-6, 9-4); Welsh Back Wizards 2 Walker Farrimond Manchester 1 (D Harris bt D Ryan 9-2, 9-1, 7-9, 9-1; J Nicolle lost to M Heath 3-9, 5-9, 3-9; A Davies bt N Taylor 7-9, 10-8, 9-2, 9-0).

LEAGUE POSITIONS: 1, Cannons Club 22pts; 2, ICL Lion Herts 19; 3, Welsh Back Wizards 14; 4, Ogmore Valley Dragons 10; 5, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 10; 6, Walker Farrimond Manchester 9; 7, Jim Hall Sports Northern 6; 8, Rackets Club 8.

RADIO CHOICE

A dirty kind of cleansing

The Lost Souls. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Late in the day, Australia is starting to make amends for a century spent trying to create a new generation *through the old device of* ethnic cleansing. *The cost to* the victims has been shamefully high, and it seems unlikely that they can ever be fully compensated for the wrongs done to them. The policy has been to drag *not-too-dark* skinned children from *their* Aboriginal parents and to "resocialise" them so that, passing for white orphans, they can do work that is fit only for menials. In Clare Hampson's evil-exposing investigation, *the* grotesque euphemism used *for this theft* of birthright is assimilation. Other words, less flattering, will occur to you.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

In a programme that also includes *some* Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven, it is Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2 that reopens the age-old debate about whether a master composer for one particular instrument can also be expected to be a *master of* all of them. The *problem* with this concerto has always been the scoring, which is inferior to the piano part. Late 19th-century composers have tried refurbishing it, with scant success. *It has been said wryly that*, to make a noticeable *difference* to the work, it would be necessary not to doctor Chopin's scoring but to write a completely new concerto. Tonight's soloist is Cristina Ortiz, and the orchestra *is the Royal* Philharmonic under *Lawrence Foster*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** *Bruno Brookes* with the Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa *L'Anson*, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** *Mark* Goodier, including at **4.20** *The* Amazing Spiderman **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Bits from Last Week's Radio **10.00** *Mark Radcliffe, with music* and conversation from Manchester, and Mark Kermode's Cult Movies slot *Midnight* Live at the Lighthouse: a celebration of life in aid of London Lighthouse **1.00am** *Lynn Parsons*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria *Hunniford* **3.30** *Ed Stewart* **5.05** *John* Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: Jez Lowe **8.00** World-Wide Concerts: *traditional songs and dances of Cuba* **8.30** Songs Sung In . . . In the last in the series, John Howson visits Suffolk **9.00** Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: with Kathak dancer Nahid Siddiqui **9.30** *Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains* **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** *and* **7.55** *Racing Preview* **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Natural History **12.00** Midday with *Mair*, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, with Sybil Ruscoe **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in *full* **7.35** *Trevor Brooking's* Football Night **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** *The Financial World Tonight* **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** *Morgenmagazin* **6.30** *Europe Today* **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** World of Music **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** *The Multitrack Sessions* **8.30** Megamix **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** What's News? **9.45** Sports **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** *BBC English* **11.45** *Mittagsmagazin* **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** The Life *of Numbers* **12.45** Sports **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Good Books **3.00** News **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Quote, Unquote **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** *Heute Aktuell* **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** *Heute Aktuell* **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Sports International **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15am** The Greenfield Collection **1.00** News **1.05** *Outlook* **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Sports **3.00** News **3.15** Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am *Nick Bailey* **9.00** *Henry Kelly* **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Alan Mann **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening (r) **8.00** Evening Concert: See Choice **10.00** *Michael Mappin* **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** *Paul* Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00** **On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Rameau (Les Sauvages, Les Indes galantes); Bach (English Suite No 3 in G minor); Arne (Cantata, The *Morning*); Vaughan Williams (Romanza); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat: Charles Neidich; Orpheus Chamber Orchestra)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Mozart (Lo sposo deluso, K424a; Contredanse in A, La *Chasse*; Allegro, K484b, for two clarinets and three bassett horns; Oboe *Concerto* in F, K416f, first movement — reconstructed by Robert D. Levin)
10.00 **Midweek Choice**, with Susan Sharpe. Tchaikovsky (Marche *slave*); *Guiot de Dijon* (Chanterai por mon coraige); Flor Peters (Paraphrase on *Salve Regina*); **10.30** Ignaz Brüll (Piano Concerto No 2); Ravel (Pavane pour une *infante défunte*); Rautavaara (Cantus Arcticus); Handel (As when the dove, Acis and Galatea); **11.30** Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor)
12.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Philharmonic under Sachio Fujioka (r)
1.00pm ***Birmingham Lunchtime*** **Concert**, live from Studio 1. *Lyric Quartet* performs Berg (String Quartet, Op 3); Schumann (String Quartet in A minor, Op 41 No 1)
2.00 **Schools**: Together — An Assembly for Schools **2.20** *Time and Tune: Music Course* 2 — Dig It **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 **Record Review**, with *Anthony Burton*. *Building a Library*: John Deathridge on Strauss's *Arabella*
4.00 **Choral Evensong**, live from the Chapel of New College, Oxford
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Tommy Pearson looks at *minimalism*
5.15 **In Tune**, presented by Andrew Green
6.00 **Rush Hour Concert**, live from the Wigmore Hall, *London. Florilegium performs* baroque music, including works by Telemann, J.C. Bach and Vivaldi.
7.00 **In Tune**: including Ravel (Alborado del gracioso)
7.30 **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** in a concert from the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan); Tippett (*Piano Concerto*); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
9.30 **Face and Fantasy**: Images *of Pride and Glory*.
9.50 **Noriko Ogawa**, piano. Kodály (Dances of *Marosszek*); Chopin (Sonata No 2 in B flat minor); Debussy (Brouillards; La Puerta del Vino; Bruyères; Les Tierces alternées; Feux d'artifice, *Préludes, Book 2*) (r)
10.45 **Night Waves**: Lisa Jardine talks to John Willinsky *about his book, Empire of Words*
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble**: The Haffner Wind Ensemble performs a programme of French wind music. De Wailly (*Aubade*); Ibert (Cinq Pièces); Milhaud (La Cheminée de Roi Renée); Françaix (Wind *Quintet No 2*)
2.00-2.00 **Night School**: Listen and Read **1.20** Verseplay **1.40** Infant History

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30**, **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sports **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 **News** **9.05** **Midweek**, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00-10.30 **News; A Good Read** (FM *only*): *In the last of the* present series, Edward Blishen and his guests, Zdena Tomin and George Szirtes, select three of their *favourite* paperbacks
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only), by John Bunyan. Abridged by Peter Luke (8/25) (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time** from Amersham (r)
12.00 ***News; You and Yours***
12.25pm **The Oldest Member**: The Salvation of George Mackintosh. The last of the series of stories by P.G. Wodehouse. *With Jeffrey* Holland **12.55** Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Victoria Station**: *Third of a five-part series by* Steve Chambers set in Victoria Station, Bridgford, 100 years ago to the day. Wednesday, January 18, 1895: *a day notable for* alarms and excursions. With *Philip Jackson*, Sean Baker and Julia Ford
2.45 **Unbroken Voices**: We Are All Human. Children from all over the world talk about the many *forms of injustice and* prejudice in their lives
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**
4.00 **News** **4.05** **Kaleidoscope**: Quentin Cooper reviews *Interview with the Vampire*
4.45 **Short Story: Private Language**, by David Marshall
5.00 **PM** **5.50** *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Counterpoint**: Heat three of the musical quiz (r)
7.00 **News** **7.05** ***The Archers***
7.20 **Face the Facts**, with John Waite
7.45 **Medicine Now**, with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 **Big Bang**: Jez Nelson presents the science programme
8.45 **The Lost Souls**: Australia's Shame. See Choice
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 **Book at Bedtime**: ***Quartered Safe Out Here***. George MacDonald Fraser reads the third part of his recollections of the war in Burma
11.00 **The Lion in the Sand**: *The* Spell of Far Arabia. A six-part series which chronicles the lives of British people in the Middle East between 1920 and 1970 (r).
11.30-12.00 **Paris, London** (FM only): *Comedy sketches* (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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Silver-tongued in the service of the guilty

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Hollow victory seemed to be the theme last night — in *Crusades* (BBC 2), where those marauding pilgrims of the First Crusade continued to slaughter Christians in their battle against the infidel (oops); and also in ITV's **Kavanagh QC**, where hollow victory is possibly regarded as a mark of class. *Kavanagh QC* was grippingly written and excellently cast as before, but John Thaw keeps winning cases when he shouldn't, and was galled once more to find he'd backed a scumbag.

Doubtless this is a hazard of the profession — to find immediately on sweeping triumphant from court that you've defended a liar and demolished his righteous accuser — but in Kavanagh's case it's beginning to look like carelessness. Last night's client was a tug-of-love daddy (the nice-nasty George Costigan), whose story turned out to be a complete pack of tissues, or whatever the expression is. I mentioned a fortnight ago that John Thaw looked very well in his wig, but if he wore it back to front, at least he would save his clients the bother of pulling the wool over his eyes.

Kavanagh's home life continues as humdrum as ever, with the 17-year-old daughter coming across as 33, the wife (Lisa Harrow) being insufferably supportive and wise, and daddy Kavanagh learning painful lessons in letting go of his little one (as the George Costigan Daddy could not, of course). In chambers, however, events bubbled along much better; the latest development was Jeremy (Nicholas Jones) attempting selection as a Tory candidate, in a slippery and hilarious interview. "Do you intend to live in the constituency?" this weasel was asked. "That is *entirely* possible," he smiled.

Let's hope Kavanagh's luck improves for his last case next week. All we need now is a witness double-cross (as in *Witness for the Prosecution*) and Kavanagh will be left gasping. Watching other programmes last night — *Crusades*, for example — you could just imagine our great QC barking up the wrong tree there, too, defending the crusaders against trumped-up charges of brutality. He fixes an 11th-century witness with his beady eye. "And I put it to you, Mr Turk, that you invented this whole sacking-of-Antioch thing, just to get attention!"

An aerial shot of a parish church, inside which a wedding service is heard. The camera swoops down towards a stained glass window, careers straight at it (oh no!), melts through the glass rather badly, and then continues inside the church, and up the aisle. What the hell is this? Stop that camera! But by now the camera is pelting towards the vicar, who has just reached the bit about "impediments", seemingly oblivious to the intrusion. Duck, Vic! Mind your bonce! The camera reaches extreme close-up of the vicar's mouth, teeth, tongue, throat — and then all is blackness. Has he swallowed it? Who knows? The only thing for sure is that this tacky **Network First** (ITV) about bigamy is probably made by Carlton.

Such a shame the treatment entailed nasty re-enactments and kamikaze lenses, because the subject matter of *Love, Lies and Bigamy* was otherwise fascinating. Judging by the three male cases (the female bigamist was rather different), a bigamist is far from the calculating bounder of popular *imagination*; rather he is an adulterous married man who makes both women feel special instead of making one of them feel cheap. He does this not out of altruism, however, but because he can't help it. He wears his heart as a lapel ornament, proposes marriage on very short acquaintance, is very partial to champagne and wedding cake, and rejoices in a memory span comparable to that of a guppy in a tank. And when his deception is revealed, he shows no remorse, like a psychopath.

The best section last night concerned Stuart Freeman, who despite having a wife called Pauline in Sheffield, got married to Lynne in Morecambe, too. He spent weekends with Pauline, weekdays with Lynne, and for several years the twain never met. Lynne suspected nothing, apparently — even when Stuart phoned her from Ibiza ("I'm working in the South of England") and came home with a deep, suspicious tan, humming "Y Viva España" under his breath.

Neil MacGregor's new series of art history lectures, **Painting the World** (BBC2) sounded as though it might be dull, but instead it is unfussy, well-pitched at the intelligent ignoramus, nicely filmed, and wry without being facetious. When MacGregor analyses a medieval altarpiece (from his very own National Gallery, London), he shows where St Catherine has "parked" her wheel; where St Anthony "takes a turn" in the shrubbery. Such chattiness may not come naturally, but bless him for making the effort.

His point last night was that the medieval world-view easily encompassed the symbolic alongside the fleshly, the sacred with the profane, so that in art (as in life) saints and angels were always somewhere about in the vicinity — in the shrubs, whatever — and of course they held identifying objects to aid recognition. John the Baptist carries a lamb in the crook of his arm; St Catherine never goes anywhere without her wheel; and St Agatha (martyred with her breasts cut off) presents a small silver tray of crème caramel.

Art history rarely fails on television, so it's surprising there isn't more of it without the gimmick of toothy nuns. In future weeks, MacGregor will take us through Joseph Wright's air pump and Seurat's bathers at Asnières. Personally, I can't wait.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (92586)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18438296)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8796692)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1674012) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (85953586)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7127760) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (3123925) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78515789)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (80692)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91262418). **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz game (s) (91266234)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Lighthearted western adventures starring Pete Duel and Ben Murphy (r) (5375895) **3.05 Movie Magic.** Last in the series about the tricks in the film-making trade (6322654)

3.30 Cartoon (5492876) **3.45 Sick as a Parrot.** Crossword puzzle game, presented by Simon Davies (s) (5480031) **4.00 Jackanory.** Paul Merton with part three of *Puppy Fat* (s) (6318789) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (4351031) **4.35 The Really Wild Show.** Includes an investigation into the animals of the ancient Incas. (Ceefax) (s) (4478418)

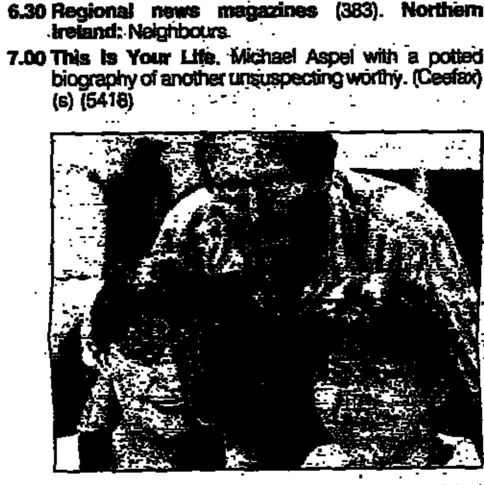
5.00 Newsround (9391012) **5.10 Elidor.** (Ceefax) (s) (1426296)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (757050)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (401)

6.30 Regional news magazines (383). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours.

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel with a potted biography of another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (5418)



Buxton, Waterman and Hadaway (7.30pm)

7.30 On the Up. Comedy series starring Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire. With Judy Buxton and Vanessa Hadaway (r). (Ceefax) (s) (895). **Wales:** Winter in Wales

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull with more examples of human endeavour. (Ceefax) (s) (293578)

8.45 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (237789)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (4383)

9.30 The Private Life of Plants: Growing. (Ceefax) (s) (262692)

10.20 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam and Gary Lineker introduce highlights from three of tonight's FA Cup third round replays. The commentators are John Motson, Barry Davies and Clive Tyldesley. Plus a preview of the Five Nations championship which begins on Saturday with France v Wales and Ireland v England (s) (576963)

12.00 FILM: The Experts (1988) starring John Travolta and Arye Gross. Comedy about two trendy New Yorkers who are hired to open a nightclub in Nebraska, that, unbeknown to them, is a secret training ground for Russian spies. With Charles Martin Smith, Kelly Preston and Deborah Foreman. Directed by Dave Thomas (s) (65155)

1.30am Weather (8588971)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (s) (4603215) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4602586) **7.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** (r) (8952741) **7.35 Incredible Games** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1182741)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (8080215)

8.15 The Record. (Ceefax) (7432505)

8.35 Consuming Passions. Apple strudel (r) (7420857) **8.40 The Time of Your Life.** Canadian series on adventurous older people (4144321)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2916055) **1.45** You and Me (97064302) **2.00** Greedysaurus and the Gang (61476708) **2.05** Spider (61475079)

2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8793321)

2.45 Myths and Legends. Garry Rice continued his exploration of the England's myths and legends (5335514)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (1706627) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9953429)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (296)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cuisine contest (s) (708)

5.00 Play It Again. A tribute to the American musical, introduced by Paul Jones. With Elaine Paige, John Barrowman, Larry Adler and the BBC Big Band (s) (3296)

5.30 All in the Mind. Lateral thinking quiz (s) (760)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (644944)

6.45 Natural Born Footballers. Franz Beckenbauer talks about the game that made him a national hero (s) (289437)

7.00 The World at War (r). (Ceefax) (5147)

8.00 Rhodes around Britain. Chef Gary Rhodes samples the food of Wales (r) (s) (2708)

8.30 University Challenge. (Ceefax) (s) (1215)

Lee Remick and Marlee Matlin (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Bridge to Silence (1988) starring Marlee Matlin, Lee Remick and Michael O'Keefe. A drama about a hearing-impaired woman trying to rebuild her life after the death of her husband, killed in a car crash. Directed by Karen Arthur (3654)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (826234)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (771470)

11.55 Weather (144692)

12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** The day in Parliament (5196906). Ends at **12.55am**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (40901258)

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CHOICE

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

It comes to something when a television programme employs private detectives to tail hospital consultants in order to see how much time they are spending on private work. *Dispatches* would no doubt say it is all for the public good. That waiting lists stretching for months or even years ahead magically disappear if you offer to pay for your treatment is reasonably well known. Not so clear-cut is the effect on the National Health Service. Backing its case with detailed figures, the programme claims that many consultants are skimping on their NHS commitments in favour of lucrative private practice. The Department of Health is unimpressed. It argues that private practice actually helps the NHS by reducing the burden on it.

Daisy Waugh finds castles in Corbières (C4, 8.30pm)

Travelog
Channel 4, 8.30pm

The show which throws away the tourist brochures and does its own thing finds Pete McCarthy in Casablanca, checking the place out against the Bogart-Bergman film. Although the movie was made entirely in Hollywood, McCarthy discovers that wartime Casablanca was indeed a place of spies and intrigue. The city could do with that glamour now, for it has no museums, art galleries or ancient monuments. It does claim the biggest mosque outside Mecca but McCarthy is not allowed in. Daisy Waugh has better luck in the French region of Corbières, which offers vineyards, ruined castles and boar hunting. And unlike Casablanca it boasts a film location. The Kevin Costner *Robin Hood* was shot in Carcassonne.

The Private Life of Plants: Growing
BBC1, 9.30pm

Much of the enjoyment of Sir David Attenborough's programmes is wondering where he is going to turn up next. He begins tonight's botany lesson suspended high up in a South American rainforest, an exotic location for what turns out to be a basic exposition about how plants feed on light and water. But the bulk of the programme is about the more intriguing topic of how plants defend themselves against animals and birds. Sir David and his camera team start with the common stinging nettle and move on to a pitcher plant, native of Borneo, which drowns insects in three pints of liquid. The camera's ability to speed up nature is strikingly demonstrated in New England where leaves turn from green to red in seconds.

University Challenge
BBC2, 8.30pm

The student quiz is amply justifying the BBC's decision to rescue it from the scrapheap of ITV discards. Even Jeremy Paxman, not everyone's choice to succeed the benign Bamber Gascoigne as question-master, is proving an asset. Part of the attraction is watching the rudest quiz show performer since Gilbert Harding on *What's My Line?* in the 1950s. The other part is waiting for humanity to break through, when, having lambasted the students for their ignorance, Paxman is forced to reveal his own. But the format is bigger even than him; fast, simple and, except when the omniscient St Andrews is competing, liable to produce close and exciting contests. Tonight Lampeter take on the University of Birmingham.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3320895)

9.25 Chain Letters presented by Ted Robbins (4809470) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9566334)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place with John Stapleton (s) (9191876)

10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (32039789) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7123944)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7582302)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7590321) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34962586)

1.55 Capital Woman (s) (62443370) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17994760) **2.50 Blue Heelers** (6915321)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5444692) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5443963)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5496692) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (5258811) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (4585031) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (4345470) **4.40 The Tomorrow People** (Teletext) (3672963)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (3679838)

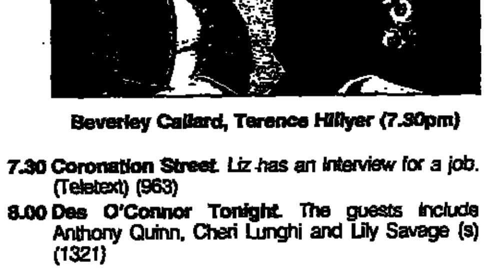
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (889924)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (575586)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (499)

6.30 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (609)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (3906)



Beverley Callard, Terence Hillyer (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Liz has an interview for a job. (Teletext) (963)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The guests include Anthony Quinn, Cheri Lunghi and Lily Savage (s) (1321)

9.00 Taggart: Prayer for the Dead. The penultimate episode of the murder mystery serial finds Jardine and Reid under increasing pressure to capture Anna Palaski's killer. With Mark McManus and James MacPherson. (Teletext) (s) (8857)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (95499)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (581789)

10.40 Wayne Dobson Close-Up. Magician Wayne Dobson entertains Liza Goddard, Leslie Grantham, Jan Leeming, Rula Lenska, Sian Lloyd and David Steele (s) (307708)

11.10 Live at Lighthouse. Holly Johnson presents a concert featuring Suede, Pulp, Neneh Cherry and Alison Moyet, who are performing on behalf of Aids charities (s) (110760)

12.40 Alien Nation (s) (2294513)

1.35 Hollywood Report with Richard Jobson and Karen Krizanovich (s) (9334364)

2.05 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (9508249)

3.05 The Album Show presented by Lynn Parsons (s) (2408093)

4.05 Donahue. Should parents share the responsibility for their children's actions? (4696074)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (2311258)

5.30 ITN Morning News (32074). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life. Animated series exploring the human body (8036944)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (70215)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (26596)

9.30 Schools: Living and Growing (8979857) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8992708) **10.02** Stage Two Science (5119692) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (5105499) **10.40** Living with Technology (7567944) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (2220012) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (7545741) **11.15** The Music Show (7072960) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (9849050) **11.45** First Edition (9844505)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (85012)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (61609) **1.30 Take Five** (s) (33147)

2.00 Summer Legend Animation (r) (41467925)

2.10 FILM: Evil in Clear Water River (1988) starring Lindsay Wagner and Randy Quaid. Fact-based drama about a mother who discovers that her teenage son is being taught anti-Semitism by his history teacher and decides to do something about it. Directed by Karen Arthur (416050)

4.00 Journeyman. Clive Gunnell continues his journey along the Ridgeway Path and reaches Marlborough (s) (692)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (876)

5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are men with their present and former partners. (Teletext) (s) (6014499)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (598437)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (42895)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (837012)

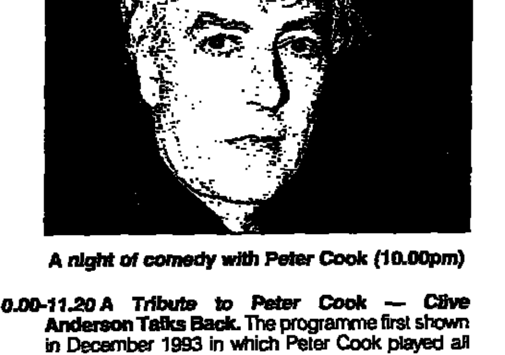
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox (648128)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7876)

8.30 Travelog. (Teletext) (s) (6383)

9.00 Dispatches. (Teletext) (301136)

9.45 Snapshots: Sheila Hancock. The actress returns to Wallingford in Oxfordshire, where she was sent at the outbreak of the Second World War (r) (386708)



A night of comedy with Peter Cook (10.00pm)

10.00-11.20 A Tribute to Peter Cook — Clive Anderson Talks Back. The programme first shown in December 1993 in which Peter Cook played all four of Clive Anderson's guests (112383)

10.45 Who's Line is it Anyway? Ad-libbing comedy from 1988 (197234)

11.20 Comic Book Confidential. A documentary profiling 22 people working in American comics, graphic novels and strip cartoons (242654)

12.55am LA Law. American courtroom drama (s) (2393838)

1.50 Jacques Loussier. The French pianist who specialises in jazzing-up Bach, recorded in London in 1985. With André Arpino (percussion) and Vincent Charbonnier (bass) (r) (1803613)

3.00 FILM: The Devil to Pay (1930, b/w) starring Ronald Colman and Loretta Young. A romantic comedy of manners directed by George Fitzmaurice (3625906). Ends at **4.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (9586334) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (7123944) 1.55 A Country Practice (91250673) 2.20 Gardening Time (17986741) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (6915321) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (5443963) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3679838) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (916708) 10.30 Anglia News (581789) 10.40 The Dirty Dozen. The Fatal Mission (75394147) 12.25am The Album Show (5191451) 1.25 Hollywood Report (1362971) 1.55 America's Top Ten (1559513) 2.25 Donahue (9040529) 3.20 The Little Picture Show (6794567) 4.25 The Time . the Place (1783567) 5.00-5.30 The Munsters Today (64838)

CENTRAL
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GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (9586334) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (7123944) 12.55 Shortland Street (7590321) 1.25 Home and Away (5145057) 2.50-1.50 Highway to Heaven (6735741) 2.50-3.20 Coronation Street (6915321) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (5443963) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (3679838) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (916708) 10.30 Granada News (581789) 10.40 Terror on Highway 91 (75394147) 12.25am The Rolling Stones - In Profile (9731813) 12.40 Alien Nation (2294513) 1.35 Hollywood Report (9334364) 2.05 The Beat (3508249) 3.05 The Album Show (2408093) 4.05 Donahue (4696074) .55-5.30 The Time .. the Place (2311258)

TV WEST
London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West adlines (9586334) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV s News and Weather (7123944) 1.55 d Health! (62443370) 2.25 Simply mum (17985012) 2.55-3.20 Shortland (7623079) 3.25-3.30 HTV West lines (5443963) 5.10 A Country Prac ce (3679838) 5.40-6.00 ITN News, Weather (735963) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (609) 10.30 HTV West Headlines and Weather (581789) 10.40-12.40pm Wat Urra Dark (48746789)

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MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91250673) 2.20 Getaways (17986741) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6915321) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3679838) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (499) 6.30-7.00 The Country Set (609) 10.40 Film: The Dirty Dozen: The Fatal Mission (Telly Savalas, Ernest Borgnine) (75394147) 12.25am The Album Show (5191451) 1.25 Hollywood Report (1362971) 1.55 America's Top Ten (1559513) 2.25 Donahue (9040529) 3.20 The Little Picture Show (6794567) 4.25 The Time... the Place (1783567) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (64838)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 High Road (62443370) 2.25-2.55 Westcountry Focus: The West at Work (17985012) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3679838) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (11925) 10.40 Special Report (307708) 11.10 The Equalizer (161944) 12.10am The Hidden Room (3199890) 12.35-12.40 My Story (8542780)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91250673) 2.20 Look and Cook (17986741) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6915321) 3.25-3.30 Calendar News (5443963) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3679838) 5.55 Calendar (270383) 6.30-7.00 Runway (609) 10.30 Calendar News and Weather (581789) 10.40 Farewell to the King (23379166) 12.45am The Equalizer (2293984) 1.40 Hollywood Report (9333635) 2.10 Videofashion (3774161) 2.40 The Album Show (9478513) 3.40 Noisy Mothers (2652797) 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder (1749987)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (70215) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (26596) 9.30 Ysgolion (050692) 12.00pm House To House (85012) 12.30 Slot Meithrin Si Hei Lwli (34876) 1.00 Sesame Street (22031) 2.00 City Under The Sea (741383) 3.35 Monster Maker (9443885) 4.30 The Cosby Show (876) 5.00 5 Pump (6849489) 5.20 5 Pump (6881499) 5.30 Countdown (128) 6.00 Newyddion (929383) 6.20 Heno (999031) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (8128) 7.30 Tip Top (505) 8.00 Pengelli (7876) 8.30 Newyddion (8383) 9.00 Dim Ond Cell (262988) 9.35 Rap (911418) 10.00 Brookside (96741) 10.30 Murder in Heartland (75301437) 12.15am Dispatches (3844567) 1.00 Ellen (90797)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (20031) 8.00 The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (35031) 8.30 The DJ Kat Show (4965857) 8.45 Oprah Winfrey (5651504) 9.30 Card Sharks (81708) 10.00 Concentration (8201079) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (8578654) 10.30 Candid Camera (54168) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (22692) 12.00 Urban Peasant (45418) 12.30pm E Street (52296) 1.00 St Elsewhere (80079) 2.00 Heroes (95186) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (9981012) 3.50 DJ Kat (1593876) 4.15 Power Rangers (4087128) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (5555) 6.00 Gamesworld (5789) 6.30 Blockbusters (9741) 7.00 E Street (1234) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5925) 8.00 Intruders (44960) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (26895) 11.00 Late Show (901050) 11.45 Littlejohn (785708) 12.30am Chances (25425) 1.30 Night Court (51971) 2.00-6.00 Hitmix Long Play (4908425)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9570505) 9.30 Entertainment This Week (32234) 10.30 ABC Nightline (52708) 1.30pm CBS News (95215) 2.30 Parliament Live (55079) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (806857) 9.30 News (63302) 11.30 CBS News (92983) 12.30 ABC News (23068) 1.30 Fashion TV (71428) 2.30 Parliament Replay (70797) 4.30 CBS News (59398) 5.30-6.00 ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2430654) 10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story (1992) (56012) 12.00 Summer and Smoke (1961) (70741) 2.00pm Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1990) (17147) 4.00 Switching Parents (1993) (5437) 6.00 Over the Hill (1991) (97383) 8.00 Quarantine (1988) (44898) 10.00 The Liar's Club (1994) (196741) 11.35 Animal Instincts (1992) (435437) 1.15am Nobody's Perfect (1989) (8454118) 2.40 Men of Respect (1991) (269432) 4.30-6.00 Switching Parents (1993): As 4pm (90093)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Wargames (1983) (88215) 8.00 Poltergeist II (1986) (81760) 10.00-12.00 How to Get Ahead in Advertising (1989) (68944)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Twister (1989) (19741) 8.00 4D Special Agents (1981) (515963) 9.05 Ivanhoe (1986): Animation (2344654) 10.00 A Prize of Gold (1954) (54654) 12.00 The Happy Thieves (1962) (78383) 2.00pm One Desire (1955) (15789) 4.00 4D Special Agents: As 8am 5.05 Ivanhoe: As 9.05am (1128321) 5.55 The Polar Bear King (1992): Children's fantasy (18102031) 7.30 Special Feature: New British Cinema (1963) 8.00 This Is My Life (1992) (96086234) 9.45 Scent of a Woman (1992) (52720963) 12.20am Shades of Gray (1992) (489432) 2.00 Confessions of a Pop Performer (1975) (664838) 3.35-6.00 Steel Justice (1992) (55685722)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (1174050) 7.15 WWF Superstars (954925) 8.15 Soccer News (2243654) 8.30 Surfing (29499) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (82499) 10.00 Tartan Extra (53586) 11.00 Powerboat World (66050) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (87079) 12.30pm World-Pro Figure Skating (36933) 2.30 Grass Roots Rugby (1536) 3.00 Boots 'n' All (5446012) 3.45 Fish Tales (8978418) 4.00 Adrenalin Adventures (1128) 4.30 Freestyle Skiing (1352) 5.00 WWF Challenge (8321) 6.00 Soccer News (579437) 6.15 International Cricket Preview (791586) 7.00 FA Cup Third Round Replay (441789) 10.00 Soccer News (167895) 10.15 Rugby Club (585079) 11.15 International Cricket Preview (816079) 12.00 Get Your Handicap Down (35109) 12.30am FA Cup (46548) 2.30 Adrenalin Adventures (73180) 3.00 Fish Tales (86707797) 3.15-7.00 Live International Cricket (19302808)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Athletics (20012) 8.30 Euroski (47895) 9.30 Eurofun (10895) 10.00 Live Tennis (1284168) 6.30pm Eurosport News (7925) 7.00 Prime Time Boxing Special (60499) 9.00 Tennis (54692) 10.00 Motors (64079) 11.00 Equestrianism (49383) 12.00-12.30am Eurosport News (20277)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Getaway — Australia (2936012) 12.30pm Kids Down Under (8179147) 1.00 Roads to Freedom (4280692) 1.30 Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8176418) 2.00 California Gold (9229019) 2.30 Ticket to Paradise (8382708) 3.00 Moving Postcards — Suffolk (4079319) 3.30 Caribbean Vacation (8354925) 4.00 Travel Guide — Japan Week Special (8386760) 4.30 Kids Down Under (8362944) 5.00 Cruising the Globe (8028811) 5.30 Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8353296) 6.00 Getaway (8383437) 6.30 Video Trips — Colorado (8374789) 7.00 America's Great Outdoors (4512079) 8.00 Around the World in 30 Minutes (3629875) 8.30 Travel Guide (4174980) 9.00 Getaway (7488895) 9.30 Video Trips (8159383) 10.00 Cruising the Globe (2837741) 10.30 America's Great Outdoors (7126012) 11.30-12.00 California Gold (8429708)

Gabrielle Anwar and Al Pacino (The Movie Channel, 9.45pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (2933925) 8.30 Peyton Place (2932296) 9.00 As the World Turns (9774321) 10.00 Guiding Light (4268012) 11.00-12.00 Another World

TLC
9.00am Blitz on Cartooning (7315857) 9.30 Madeleine Cooks (2770383) 10.00 Somebody's Children (4405760) 10.30 Only Human (2098012) 11.30 Class by Class (2230673) 12.00 Hot House People (2793234) 1.00pm Madeleine Cooks (7474321) 1.30 Blitz on Cartooning (2773470) 2.00 Frontiers (6187883) 2.30 Northern Eye (7501383) 3.00 England's Last Wilderness (3137578) 3.30-4.00 It's a Vet's Life (7513128)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (7484708) 7.30 Neighbours (7463215) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7327692) 8.30 EastEnders (7326963) 9.00 The Bill (7317215) 9.30 Buccaneer (2339437) 10.30 When the Boat Comes In (2090470) 11.30 No Place Like Home (2232031) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7337079) 12.30pm Neighbours (2783857) 1.00 EastEnders (7483079) 1.30 The Bill (2782128) 2.00 Bless This House (4387811) 2.30 Citizen Smith (7503741) 3.00 Knots Landing (2243147) 4.00 Dynasty (2222654) 5.00 Every Second Counts (3227586) 5.35 Top of the Pops (2107012) 5.55 Porridge (7599857) 6.30 EastEnders (7528050) 7.00 Citizen Smith (6282447) 7.30 Bless This House (7524234) 8.00 Going Straight (1112565) 8.30 Carry On Laughing (5737352) 9.00 Fox (9589128) 10.00 The Bill (7338708) 10.30 Top of the Pops (6755471) 11.05 Kit Curran (8422857) 11.35 Dr Who (7880654) 12.05am FILM: Pearl of the South Pacific (1955) (89673722) 2.00-7.00 Shopping at Night (54484432)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (9544586) 6.55 Garfield and Friends (3780789) 7.25 Eek (8993876) 7.55 Pugwall (5355857) 8.25 Super Mario (6504944) 8.45 Casper and Friends (3722499) 9.00 Sesame Street (55505) 10.00 It's Droobee Time (41789) 12.00 Garfield (16505) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (25741) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (95147) 1.30 Super Mario (12135811) 1.45 Baby Follies (17185316) 2.00 Barney (7692) 2.30 Babar (4234) 3.00 Casper (6418505) 3.15 Gravedale High (807418) 3.45 Sonic (808789) 4.15 Head to Head (4884296) 4.30-5.00 Pugwall (4470)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive (1172692) 7.15 Pee-Wee (901673) 7.45 Rugrats (900944) 8.15 Doug (118988) 8.45 Nickalive (8408925) 9.00 Nick Jr (772296) 12.00 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (78321) 12.30pm The Muppet Show (94857) 1.00 Galaxy High School (75708) 1.30 Banana Sandwich (93128) 2.00 Denver the last Dinosaur (1876) 2.30 Smoggies (8418) 3.00 Nick Faves (2893) 3.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3963) 4.00 Doug (2470) 4.30 Rugrats (8654) 5.00 Clarissa Explains it all (2128) 5.30 The Secret World of Alex Mack (2234) 6.00 Grimmy (9147) 6.30-7.00 Dracula (6429)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Life in the Wild (7525963) 4.30 Wild South (7521147) 5.00 Treasure Hunters (8187073) 5.30 Terra X (7512499) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (2799418) 7.00 Predators (9595586) 8.00 Invention (2787037) 8.30 Nature Watch (7537334) 9.00 The Infinite Voyage (8584470) 10.00 Resistance to Hitler (7329050) 10.30 Spies (7305470) 11.00-12.00 Space Age (7451470)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: I Was a Spy (1933) (4412050) 2.00pm The Avengers (4400215) 3.00 My Three Sons (3032924) 3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (7300654) 4.00 FILM Who Done It? (1956) (1165334) 5.30 Drama Classics (7509825) 6.00 The Protectors (7539166) 6.30 Cannon (2687654) 7.30 Scotland Yard (7519302) 8.00 The Avengers (9591760) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (2246234) 9.30 FILM: Stryker (1983): Apocalyptic adventure with Steve Sandor (5362876) 11.30-12.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (4498470)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2466296) 7.00 Living Magazine (2469234) 8.00 Beautywise (7674470) 8.30 The Truth About Women (7673741) 9.00 A Taste of Japan (4898741) 9.35 Now You See It (7182321) 10.00 Trivia Trap (4635470) 10.30 Susan Powter (7993505) 11.00 Young and the Restless (3506963) 12.00 Rendezvous (9641037) 12.35pm Kilroy (2251876) 1.30 Bazaar (4327012) 2.00 Agony Hour (4643499) 3.00 Living Magazine (4637673) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (87081586) 4.00 Infatuation (5800789) 4.30 Trivia Trap (10817031) 4.55 Marco (2573470) 5.30 Kate and Allie (5680925) 6.00 Susan Powter (5610166) 6.30 Mr and Mrs (5601418) 7.00 Living Magazine (4165031) 8.00 Young and the Restless (2185811) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (8765055) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (5515532) 11.00 Mr and Mrs (7507234) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (4631654)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Mouse (8944) 5.30 Cliff Hanger (8050) 6.00 The Big Dish (685166) 6.25 All Clued Up (603857) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (8708) 7.30 My Two Dads (2499) 8.00 The Road to Avonlea (60418) 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (93505) 11.00 Lou Grant (72296) 12.00 Rhoda (55987) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (27616) 1.00 Danger Mouse (32722) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (79797) 2.00 Bordertown (61613) 2.30 African Skies (24838) 3.00 Lou Grant (50971) 4.00 Rhoda (29155) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (20987)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (95835) 6.30 The Grind (45654) 7.00 Awake on the Wildside (97550) 8.00 VJ Ingo (688383) 11.00 Soul (93789) 12.00 Greatest Hits (48234) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (391050) 3.30 Coca-Cola Report (8233031) 3.45 CineMatic (8238596) 4.00 MTV News at Night (4996031) 4.15 3 from 1 (4986654) 4.30 Dial MTV (3128) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (31988) 7.00 Greatest Hits (83128) 8.00 Real World 2 — Episode 19 (6586) 8.30 Real World 2 — Episode 20 (8321) 9.00 The Worst of Most Wanted (49296) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (47963) 10.00 Coca Cola Report (676128) 10.15 CineMatic (664383) 10.30 News At Night (301505) 10.45 3 from 1 (399760) 11.00 The End? (44873) 1.00am The Soul of MTV (74345) 2.00 The Grind (61631) 2.30-5.00 Night Videos (859118)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4289963) 9.00 Café VH-1 (9600925) 12.00 The Bridge (2101079) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (4211215) 2.30 Heart and Soul (7124012) 3.30 Into the Music (4714499) 6.00 Prime Cuts (8156296) 7.00 For You (4514437) 8.00 Soul (4590857) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4503321) 10.00 The Bridge (9787895) 11.30 Today's Top Five (8421166) 12.00 The Nightfly (2451242) 2.00am Prime Cuts (5610797) 3.00 Soul (1984567) 4.00 Ten of the Best (4593659) 6.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (21050) 7.00 Asian Morning (17031) 8.30 Buniyaad (81465) 9.00 Punjabi Film: Job Jatt Da (329128) 12.00 Ghar (31302) 1.00pm Hindi Film: Pyar Ka Mandir (242505) 4.00 New Serial (2012) 4.30 Serial: Vab Tak Puskaroon (8296) 5.00 Balachandam Chinnathi Rai (5470) 5.30 Tamil Cinema Quiz (2876) 6.00 TVA and You (9147) 6.30 Buniyaad (6429) 7.00 BBCD (5692) 7.30 Drama: Zameen Aasman (9383) 8.00 News Bulletin (1012) 8.30 Hindi Film: Phool Aur Angaar (444875) 11.30 Zindagi (36321) 12.00 Asian Morning (34277) 1.30-6.00am Sight and Sound (9090068)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Our Favourite Movies
7.00 Something of Value (1957) (19829760) 9.10 After the Thin Man (1936) (77322505) 11.15 Another Thin Man (1939) (92641789) 1.10am Shadow of the Thin Man (1941) (75173906) 3.00-5.00 The Thin Man Goes Home (1944) (37345451)

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McEnroe ousts third seed as Bates rallies in Australian Open

Becker suffers familiar upset

From Stuart Jones, Tennis Correspondent in Melbourne

A GHOSTLY mist which *shrouded the city skyline* throughout the morning and caused play to be suspended, seeped into the rest of the second day of the Australian Open. Three distinguished seeds found themselves haunted by *familiar apparitions and* were spirited out in the first round.

Boris Becker was tormented by a McEnroe. Goran Ivanisevic *by his infamous temperament.* and Gabriela Sabatini by her nervous tension. Their defeats, all in straight sets, overshadowed the victorious debut at Flinders Park of Andre Agassi, who easily beat Grant Stafford, of South Africa, and a remarkable comeback by Jeremy Bates.

Becker, in collecting three titles and surging to No 3 in *the rankings at the end of last* year, had indicated that he had regained the conviction that had deserted him for three years. With Agassi, he was *supposedly ready to* mount a genuine challenge to Pete Sampras. However, he was undone by the sibling of *one of his former rivals.* Patrick McEnroe, employing the tactical intelligence and, occasionally, the artistry of his elder brother, John, took little more than two hours to eliminate the No 3 seed 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.

***Results from Flinders Park* 42**

Becker, the champion here in 1991 when he was last rated officially as the best player in the world, contributed to his own downfall. Pressing when there was no need, he attempted to spray outright winners but was credited instead with 57 unforced errors. Nor was he able to complete a belated recovery. *He led 5-2 in the* third set and served for it at 5-3, but, once he had been caught, he was again guilty of snatching at openings during the tie-break, *conceding it 7-4.*

In the semi-final here four years ago, Becker had halted by far McEnroe's best performance in a grand slam event. *In gaining revenge, the American,* 28, the winner of the warm-up event in Sydney last week, completed his sixth successive victory, the longest sequence *of a career more noted* for success in doubles. He will, therefore, carry even greater belief against his next opponent. *Britain's lone survivor.*

Bates, at 5-1 down in the fourth set against Henrik Holm, was evidently following the path of his compatriot, Mark Petchey, who had subsided on the same court 14, set *in the shadow of the Melbourne* Cricket Ground.

Petchey lost after being a set and a break up against Radomir Vasek, a Czech Re*publican ranked ten places* higher. Bates held an equally promising advantage against a Swede ranked nine places higher, before similarly yielding the second and third sets, and almost the fourth.

A *couple of double faults* effectively cost him the second-set tie-break, which was concluded by an unfavourable and clearly inaccurate call. *Justifiably, Bates asked for the* line judge to remove his sunglasses. The umpire agreed: by then, the floodlights had been switched on.

Watched by Graham Gooch, Alec Stewart and vociferous followers of England's inactive cricket team, Bates went on to execute the most *improbable revival of his* career. Parrying Holm's powerful service, *he came through* after more than three hours, 6-4, 6-7, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

"It was bizarre," Bates said. "I kept on thinking of my *match with Sabau and felt I* was owed one." He was referring to the dark memory of his Davis Cup defeat against Romania after he had held a two-set *lead and three match* points against a 17-year-old novice.

Bates lacked resilience then, and has since decided no *longer to represent his country* in the competition, but his resolution yesterday was admirable. He has never played against McEnroe, who is *ranked No 65 in the world,* one place above Holm.

Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, is like a smouldering firework. Nobody, not even he, knows *whether he will explode or* fizzle out, and, in either eventuality, he can be dangerous. He has just completed a month's suspension, imposed *for receiving fines in excess of* $10,000.

Although he admitted that he had been adversely affected by the lack of competition, he *did not attempt to disguise his* deficiencies, which were initially particularly woeful. He yielded the opening set in 16 *minutes,* collecting a dozen points. "I've never played like that in my life," he said after submitting feebly to Carl-Uwe Steeb, a former Davis Cup player for Germany, 6-1, 7-6, 6-3.

McEnroe shows the determination that helped him beat Becker in the first round at Flinders Park yesterday

Sabatini complained of a sore back, for which she was treated at length on court, but her defeat was also partially *self-inflicted. Although she* had won the past two tournaments she had entered, she was once more inhibited when serving to Marianne Werdel.

*At 5-4 down, Sabatini com*mitted three double faults to hand her Californian opponent the first set. From 3-0 up *in the second set, the doubts* within the No 5 seed were transferred into "a sharp and constant pain", and she won only one more game.

Magdalena Maleeva, *the* No 9 seed, and Julie Halard, the No 16, failed to get through to the second round.

On a day of unremitting turbulence, neither did Marc Rosset, the No 12 seed, who went down to Andrea Gaudenzi, a former world junior champion.

Lotus come to end of road in Formula One

By Oliver Holt

IT BEGAN in the old glamour and glitz of Monaco four decades ago and yesterday it appeared to end with a statement from Norfolk amid rumours of commandeered *chassis rusting in country* sheds and a company so dissected it was almost unrecognisable from the whole.

*The story of Lotus in Formu*la One motor racing has reached *the end of* an agonisingly-protracted final chapter. By the time a formal *statement had been issued* from the team's headquarters at *Ketteringham Hall, the* news had already seeped out.

David Hunt, the new owner and brother of the late James Hunt, the 1976 world champion, *admitted he had failed as a* saviour and told the 100-strong workforce that the team would not be entering the Formula One championship this season.

More than £3 million had been needed from sponsors to stave off the inevitable, but, in spite of all its glorious associations, all the images the name conjures up and the great champions that have steered its cars, the money could not be found.

Resuscitations may be attempted and Hunt said yester*day that the team's name may* still appear on the grid this season in collaboration with another team, probably Pacific. However, the Lotus that Formula One knew and loved is dead. Hunt also held out hope that the team could re-enter the championship in 1996, but, if it has not raised the money *this year,* it *will* surely find it difficult next year,too.

The past few years have not been happy ones, and *last season the team not only failed* to win a point but lost Johnny Herbert and Mugen-Honda Engines, its two prize assets, in the process. The staff, many of whom were owed *money,* were laid off on December 8 and never re-employed.

Lotus began its glorious assault on Formula One in 1958, *mastermind*ed by Colin Chapman, whose name became *synonymous* with the team. Graham Hill drove his first race for Lotus in Monaco that *year* and Stirling Moss won the first race for the team in the Principality two years later.

Jim Clark won his two world *championships* in a Lotus and was killed in one at *Hockenheim in 1968. Emerson* Fittipaldi became the youngest world champion, in a *Lotus,* in 1972 and Mario Andretti won the world championship in *one in 1978.* Nigel Mansell began his career with the team in *1980 and Ayrton* Senna recorded the last of their 79 grand prix victories in Detroit in 1987. Only Ferrari have competed in more races.

"*The name Lotus* is like Ferrari in Formula One," Herbert, *who is likely to be driving* with Benetton next season, said. "It has the same aura about it. Now that history is going to be lost. It costs millions of pounds to make the car work for the name and it was very tough the way it ended up towards the end of last season."

LOTUS FACTFILE

Company founded: 1952, by Colin Chapman (died 1982)

First grand prix: 1958 (Monaco), drivers Graham Hill and Cliff Allison.

First victory: 1960 (Monaco), Stirling Moss

World championships: Drivers: 1963 and 1965 (Jim Clark), 1968 (Hill), 1970 (Jochen Rindt), 1972 (Emerson Fittipaldi), 1978 (Mario Andretti). Constructors: 1963, 1965, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1978

Last grand prix win: 1987 (United States), driver Ayrton Senna

Grand prix record: 79 victories in 490 races.

Hill, who won the 1968 *world title in a Lotus*

Herbert was the last of the talented racers to grace the *Lotus* name. If there is any substance to Hunt's optimistic words, he may not be the last. But, as other teams, like Larrousse, struggle to survive in *grand prix racing,* some of the less wealthy teams were last night asking themselves, if Lotus cannot be saved, then what hope is there for the rest *of us?*

Featherstone winger leaps above racial barrier

Christopher Irvine on a historic selection for the England rugby league party

Butt: breakthrough

ELLERY HANLEY selected Ikram Butt, of Featherstone Rovers, for England yesterday *and gave him a place in* history as the first rugby league player of Asian background to receive an international call-up. Although on *the fringes of selection in the* past, the powerful and nimble winger *was an unexpected* choice yesterday in the party to face Wales in Cardiff on February 1.

Butt, 26, the only Asian *player in the professional* game, is one of five newcomers in a 21-strong squad for the John Smith's European championship match.

"Ikram has been an unsung hero for a long time at Featherstone," Ellery Hanley, the England coach, said. "His *strong running has always* been a problem for opposition teams."

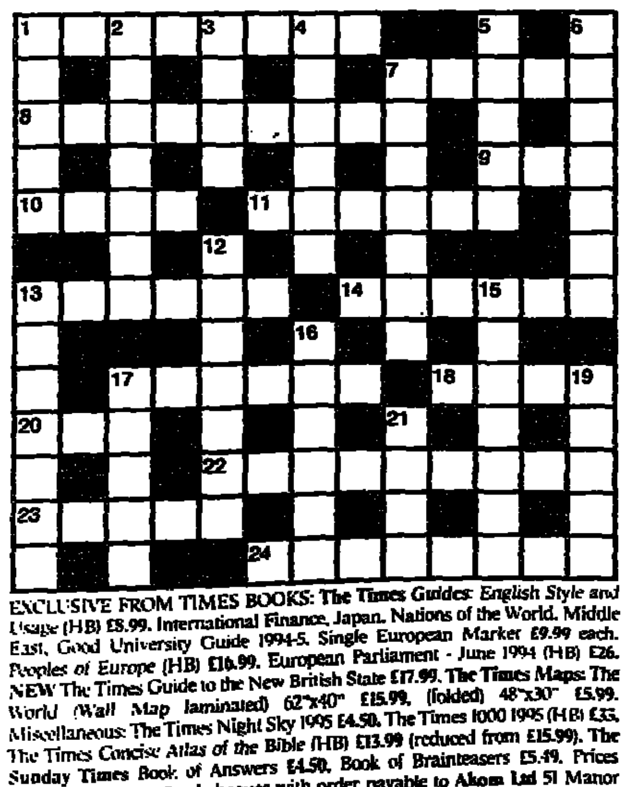
As well as his club, Butt's selection — "a real bolt from the blue," he said — also delighted the Asian school*children he regularly visits to* teach and talk about the game. "They hero-worship him," a teacher in Batley said. Donald Hunt, a Featherstone *committee member,* said: "Ikram has brought parties of schoolchildren to see *him* play, and they revere him as a cult figure. His call-up couldn't happen to a more pleasant, more loyal club *man, or more committed* player."

Butt, whose *father* served in the Pakistan Air Force, and was a noted amateur boxer, took up the sport at school in Leeds and represented Great *Britain Colts. "I have always* been seen as something of a novelty: the physical expectations are such that Asians are *perhaps not normally thought* of as rugby players," Butt said. "I did encounter some prejudice at first, but when they see you can take the *bumps and knocks, that dis*appears. I only hope now that we get more Asians coming in to the sport.'

Butt's ambassadorial role *in local schools and colleges is* creating interest among young Asians, especially *in* rugby league's "heavy woollen" district of Batley and Dewsbury. Numbers playing the game are still small, and in *spectating terms are almost* non-existent, but junior sides are attracting Asians.

Rather than rugby league *and rugby union,* cricket and football exercise a greater fascination for Britain's 1.6 million Asians. At amateur level, there are large numbers *of Asian players, but there are* no Asians among almost 2,000 professional footballers. At the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992, only two of *the 392-strong British party* were Asians.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Backs: I Butt (Featherstone), G Connolly (Wigan), S Edwards (Wigan), R Gay (Hull), B Goulding (St Helens), A Hunte (St Helens), P Newlove (Bradford), D Powell (Sheffield), J Robinson (Wigan), G Schofield (Leeds), A Tait (Leeds). Forwards: M Cassidy (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan), Andrew Farrell (Wigan), Anthony Farrell (Sheffield), K Harrison (Halifax), S McCurrie (Widnes), S McManamara (Hull), S Nickle (St Helens), R Russell (Castleford), D Sampson (Castleford).



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7 Garish: college feast (5)
8 Med to Red Sea waterway (4,5)
9 Geological period (3)
10 *Manger: steal (ideas)* (4)
11 Rat on (6)
13 Enigmatic person, statue (6)
14 Swore: under a spell (6)
17 Shrine for prophecy (6)
18 *American space agency* (1,1,1,1)
20 A swan (female) (3)
22 Queen loved by Antony (9)
23 Fortunate; not 14 (5)
24 *Film of current events* (8)

DOWN

1 "Architecture ... is frozen —" *(von Schelling)* (5)
2 Care lovingly for (7)
3 *Crease:* crowd; loose scrum (4)
4 Doghouse (6)
5 Quilt (5)
6 Solid figure with square base, apex (7)
7 Showing great delight (7)
12 Early childhood (7)
13 With a good figure (7)
15 Make (someone) jump (7)
16 Arm (of coat) (6)
17 Pended; keeping frozen (2,3)
19 Be useful (5)
21 Musical work (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 371

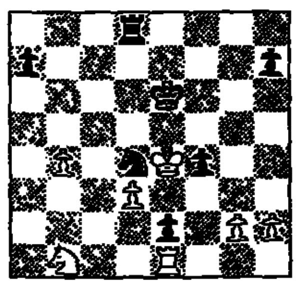
ACROSS: 1 *Edifice* 5 *Mitc* 8 *Signet* 9 *Lustre* 10 *Methinks* 12 Axes 13 Gratitude 17 Mint 18 Mesmeric 20 Rommel 21 Offend 23 Onus 24 Bernard

DOWN: 2 *Drivel* 3 *Fan* 4 *Cut in* 5 *Mishandle* 6 *Target* 7 Closet 11 Hard Times 14 Tumult 15 Disown 16 Winner 19 Store 22 Fun

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Rasmussen - Nunn, Lugano 1985.
It appears that White is in danger from the black passed pawns. However, it is the position of his king that costs him the game. Can you see why? Black to move.



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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AMBARI
a. A double pulpit
b. Hemp
c. An Italian ice cream

BONEEN
a. A pretty girl
b. Midsummer night
c. A young pig

DELE
a. An instruction to delete
b. A fancy grocer's
c. A priestess of Delos

GHOLAM
a. A ghost or ghoul
b. The Hebrew letter G
c. A courier

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